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Central office was embarrassed by this picture of John Major under a slogan: "The best team in a troubled world."

Broadcast

puts pain

on agenda

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDEN

its strongest electoral issues. Neil Kinnock issued a re-

newed challenge to John-Ma-

jor for a televised debate on

health. The Tories demanded

that Labour put a price on

funding in the health service. Mr Major called on Labour to say whether it would be paid for through extra tax-

The Tories seized on re-

marks by Robin Cook, the

shadow health secretary, made in a radio broadcast

that "all our commitments in

our manifesto are intended to

take place over the lifetime of a parliament". Mr Cook said

the manifesto committed

Labour to spending £1 billion extra over the first 22 months

of a Labour government. He

described that as the first

contribution to tackling

underfunding. "In futu

years as we get growth from our recovery package we are looking forward to making

William Waldegrave de

nied renewed claims from Mr

Kinnock and Mr Cook that the health service faced priva-

tisation under the Tories. The

health secretary, hit back last

night after Labour published an alleged dossier highlight-

ing cases of people who had to buy private operations because NHS waiting lists

were too long. He said that earlier cases

raised by Labour had proved

to be "dubious". He also said

that hospitals had always

been able to close wards and

Mr Waldegrave, asked

whether trust hospitals would

be able to close wards for use

by private patients, said: "If health authorities say We

take on private patients.

further progress."

ation or extra borrowing.

AN EMOTIONAL election

broadcast showing a young

girl in pain during a long wait

for an ear operation spear-

headed Labour's attempt to

force health into the centre of

the election debate last night.

In what seems certain to spark a row, the girl's suffer-ing is contrasted with another

girl whose mother pays £200

The broadcast was based on a case notified to Labour

by a father whose daughter had to wait 11 months for an

operation, party leaders said last night as they denied

The broadcast came as

Labour opened up a new

front on what it sees as one of

No nomes

saved

Three months after the

launch of a clutch of mort-

gage rescue schemes, not a

single family has been

saved from repossession.

The Council of Mortgage

Lenders blames the com-

plexities of the schemes for

the delay, but the Nation-

wide says it has five deals in the pipeline...... Page 5

Three people were injured

and 20 arrested when a

Kurdish demonstration

outside the Turkish embas-

sy turned into a battle with

Defence plea

France has renewed its call

for sweeping changes to Europe's defence, mar-

ginalising America's role

Pru jobs go

The Prudential Corpora-

tion is closing its general

insurance brokerage at a

cost of £146 million with

the loss of 400 jobs. The

business lost £77 million

NOEL

Employers seeking chief ex-

ecutives, managers and other

senior staff are advertising

tomorrow in 12 pages of appointments in the Life &

Births, marriages

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the continent's

Kurd clash

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charges of exploitation.

or private treatment.

ucula Major trims Labour's lead

BY ROBIN OAKEEY **POLITICAL EDITOR**

THE Conservatives continue to trail Labour in the latest Times/Mori poll, but La-bour's lead has been trimmed by two points over the last week from five to three

per cent. Mori measured support 41 per cent for Labour, with the Conservatives on 38 percent, the Liberal Democrats on 17 per cent and others on 4 per cent. The survey was carried out on Monday among 1,109 voters. While Labour's lead has

lipped since last week's Mori poll, both the Liberal Democrats and others have gained one point and support for the Tories has remained the same. If the findings were repeated on a uni-form swing in the general elec-tion, there would be a hung parliament with Labour eight

They would hold 318 seats compared to 296 seats for the Tories. The other key Mori poll points

Despite a week of Tory campaigning, voters rate tax as only the fifth most important issue. and the Tories lead Labour by only five points as the party with the best tax policy; □ Voters rate health care as the

most important issue and Labour has a 30-point lead in this ☐ Although the Tories enjoy a slim four-point lead on economic

policy. Labour's unemployment.

plans give it a 24-point lead.

Two other opinion polls also put Labour in the lead last night. A new Harris poll for ITN measured support for Labour at 42 per cent, with the Conservatives on 38 per cent, the Liberal Democrats on 16 per cent and others on 4 per cent. The same organisation gave the Conservatives a

MORI/TIMES POLL Q How do you intend to vote at the general election on April 9?

rday's Daily Express. An ICM poll in today's Guardian puts party support at Labour 40 per cent. Conservatives 39 per cent. Liberal Demo-

crats have each increased their support by one point.

election, a hung parliament seems to be the most likely out-come. Despite attempts to discredit Labour's taxation policies, support for the Tories seems to

have stabilised at 38 per cent. Labour yesterday tried to shift attention to the National Health Service, its greatest strength. Mori's latest findings show that Labour is seen as having the best health policy by a margin of 52-22 over the Conservatives. When Mori asked how much each individual's voting decision would be swayed by various issues, health care was named by three-quarters of those polled as as affecting them a significant amount. Unemployment and managing the economy came next at 71 per cent, followed by law and order on 68 per cent.

The Conservatives, who have focused their campaigning on law and order, unions and foreign affairs in the past 24 hours, will be disappointed to see that taxation, which they concentrated on through much of last week, only shared fifth place with housing and replacing the poll tax in order of influential issues.

They will also be concerned that when people were asked Continued on page 16, col 3

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ONE HAND ON THE BATON



did Mahler and Maazel. What is it about the Vienna Philharmonic? Life & Times, page 1

ONE EYE ON





Lynne Truss turns super sleuth to see what a house guest has been up to Life & Times, page 1

ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE



Auntie aims to build on Sunday night winners to reclaim the high ground in the ratings war Life & Times, page 7

iberal Democrats

crats 17 per cent and others 4 per cent. The findings show that Labour's lead has slipped by three points when compared with ICM's previous poll, and the Tories and Liberal Demo-

With 15 days left before the

Botham and Gooch walk out on royal jokes

GRAHAM Gooch and Ian Botham walked out of the official World Cup dinner last night in protest at anti-royal jokes. The England captain and top all rounder were insulted by a drag artist impersonating the Queen.

The pair, among 1,800 puests at the function in Melbourne on the eve of the World Cup final, were visibly upset by jokes which included eferences to the recent announcement concerning the possible separation of the Duke and Duchess of York.

Seated at separate tables, they had not finished the first course when they glanced at and walked away leaving behind teammates and the entire Pakistan squad whom they meet in today's final at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Gerry Connolly, whose mimicking of the Queen is wearing a full-length white evening gown, blue sash, white gloves and a tiara when he walked into the room: He wandered from table to table shaking hands with guests and waving regally at others. Carrying a handbag, he walked to the top table and put on a pair of spectacles

es. "Thank goodness Mrs Thatcher is not standing in this election because she wanted to privatise the royal family and then we would become the Foster's royal family," he joked.

His act appeared to go down well with most of the audience, but faces at the England tables looked grim. When he took a piece of paper from his handbag and read what was supposed to be a letter from the duchess to the Queen, it was too much for Gooch and Botham.

"I love my country and I can't put up with that sort of crap," Botham was quoted as saying after he left the dinner at the great hall of the Royal Exhibition Building. Both men went straight back to their hotel where they were reported to have gone to bed

Bob Bennett the England understand why they were upset. I know other people from England felt the same way. You could sense the tension on our table. The act was not acceptable as far as I'm concerned." The 'England team would have preferred a quiet team dinner, but were Continued on page 16, col 8

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Dragging in royalty: Australian female impersonator, Gerry Connolly

Russian nuclear leak alarms West

IN MOSCOW

A CLOUD of radioactive gas eaked yesterday from a nuclear power station outside St Petersburg, reinforcing alarm about atomic safety in

don't need this ward or don't need this service, then, as for Emergencies said an acci-dent at the Leningradskaya always in the past, the ward may be closed or a hospital might decide to take on pri-vate patients. Nothing has changed. The decision remains with the hospital." children were featured in the broadcast agreed to allow their stories to be told, the party said last night. The cases were selected from "dozens" reported to Mr Cook.

"The parents of the child who went private are NHS supporters who had the means to pay and felt they had no choice but to go private," said a spokesman.

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But Carl Bildt, the prime minister of Sweden, which the former Soviet Union. Russia's State Committee

plant, built to the same design as the Chemobyl power station, had sent ten times more radioactive iodine, and six times more inert gas into the atmosphere than the permitted daily total. But the level of radiation in the area around the plant, which comprises four reactors and is located at Sosnovy Bor. 60 miles west of St Petersburg. "did not exceed the accepted sanitary standards", it said.

A similarly reassuring message was given by Artur Petrov, head of Russia's atomic safety inspectorate, Gosatomnadzor, who flew to radiation in the area of Sosnovy Bor or the St Petersburg region," he said.

monitored the accident closely, said Stockholm and Russia's other Scandinavian and Raltic neighbours viewed the leak "with the greatest concern", adding: "I myself have in recent months expressed concern about this particular nuclear power station."

Sixteen British students in St Petersburg were advised yesterday to stay inside their university hostel to await further news on radiation levels. They are all university under-graduates on an 18-week course in Russian at St Petersburg State University. In common with other Britons in the area, they will not be evacuated unless the leak proves more serious than is anticipated.

. The station was in the middle of large-scale reconstructhe scene last night. There is tion. Work was to start shortly

on the third reactor, where the accident happened at 2.37am local time when a faulty channel sent radioactive iodine spewing into the machine-room and through

the ventilation system. In contrast to the Cher-nobyl disaster, which was largely hidden from the Soviet public for nearly two weeks, available information about yesterday's incident was aired promptly on state television and independent radio stations. The news sent an immediate wave of alarm through a country where concern about food safety is al-



ready running high in the wake of reports that dog meat and products long past their expiry date are being sold in new and poorly regulated flea

Queen when making speech-

While Chernobyl-style RMBK-1000 reactors have always provoked doubts among Western experts, environmentalists said there was even greater concern about the safety of the ten water-based VVER reactors still functioning in the former Soviet block

Greenpeace, extrapolating from studies by the International Atomic Agency, said there was a one-in-four chance of a serious melt down at one of these reactors within the next five years.

The notoriously unsafe VVER station at Yerevan, the Armenian capital, has been closed on ecological grounds, but the authorities have been tempted to reopen it as a way Continued on page 16, col 1

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Cars face the red light in Amsterdam FROM MARK FULLER worse as car use in The Netherlands man said. Critics respond that there

IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM residents will vote today in a referendum on whether to exclude cars from the city's historic centre. Opinion polls are predicting a victory for the anti-car lobby, which would make the Dutch capital the first European metropolis to have a traffic-free inner city.

The city's centre, a maze of narrow streets defined by a 17th century girdle of canals, are prone to some of the worst congestion in Europe. Traf-fic is one of the few issues which can inflame the normally phlegmatic Amsterdammer. Tempers often fray and fights can ensue over the right of way. The only sure way of making progress is to get on a bicycle.

Traffic volume is forecast to get

rises by 70 per cent over the next 20 years. About 130,000 cars try to squeeze into the city each working day, of which the vast majority fight for one of the 17.000 legal parking places in the centre. There is a high turnaround in short-term parking and the remaining vehicles park illegally. Pollution from exhaust fumes has reached critical levels and damage to listed buildings has been esti-

mated at costing between £2 million and £4 million a year. The referendum was designed by the city council to counteract apathy - only 51 per cent of Amsterdam mers bothered to vote at the last local elections in 1990. The referendum offers residents the choice to ban traffic from the centre or to back the council's plan to cut car volume through a more stringent parking policy combined with infrastructural improvements.
The result of the referendum will

not be binding, but the council has agreed to honour the people's choice as long as there are "no serious reasons" for not doing so. A decision will be taken on April 15. There are several plans on how to

create a traffic-free zone, including the use of electronic gates on the edge of the city. One involves an almost blanket ban, letting in only emergency vehicles and taxis. Heavy goods vehicles would be forced to park on the edge of the city with their loads being delivered into the centre in vans. Other proposals would per-mit residents access. "Nothing will be implemented until after the local

are plenty of reasons for not excluding cars. The chamber of commerce estimates a ban would cost the city £30 million in lost revenue and 20.000 jobs. Parking permits for inner city residents could rise by ten times to almost £100 a month.

It is unclear how the city would finance the changes necessary to implement a ban. Creating new parking areas on the edge of the city would cost about £40 million and about £20 million would have to be spent on tearing up existing places in the in-ner city. Investment in public transport would have to rise by between £75 million and £100 million.

What would the city do without the traffic chaos which so typifies the centre? "Amsterdam could become

elections in 1994," a council spokes-

as dead as Venice," one resident said.

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE shortage of NHS dentists in the South-East is highlighted in one area of London where only 4 per cent of paying adults have access to NHS treatment. The other 96 per cent go private, or not at all, according to the Bromley family health services

The British Dental Association says the shortage of NHS dentists in the South-East and other parts of the country has been caused by dentists going private, com-plaining that they can no longer make a living from health service fees.

Yet other dentists are earning well over £100,000 a year from the NHS, although the average is around £35,000, an anomaly neither the health department nor the dental association can

The department says the high earning dentists prove that with good organisation and hard work, NHS fees are more than sufficient. But a survey it commissioned last year showed that dentists are cutting back on their NHS work. One in four are now not accepting all NHS patients. Many turn away patients who pay charges — the only ones likely to agree to pay privately — while continuing to accept children and adults

exempt from charges. The situation is worst in the South-East. In southwest Thames, 48 per cent of dentists are not accepting all NHS patients and in the other Thames regions more than

RISING DENTAL CHARGES

a third select who they treat. Seventy-three per cent of dentists in Kingston and Richmond are turning away health service patients. Some areas have appointed salaried dentists to fill the gap.

Two factors appear to have increased the drift to the private sector. The sharp rise in NHS dental charges has re-duced the differential between the cost of public and private treatment. Patients now pay 75 per cent of the cost of their NHS treatment (up to a maximum of £200. 1). Many dentists who have gone private still cost their time at NHS rates and charge patients only 25 per cent more than they were paying under the NHS. But they avoid all the paperwork associated with claiming fees

from the health service. Secondly, under the new dental contract introduced in October 1990, dentists are required to register patients and to accept continuing 24 hour responsibility. They say this increases their paper-work and workload with no increase in income.

However, the number of patients registered under the new contract and the treatment given in the first year exceeded the health department's expectations. The result has been a big boost to average income, taking them well over the target of £33,000 set by the Doctors and Dentists Review Body for 1990-1, and the department is now demanding a 13.8 per

were getting out of our con-The likeliest explanation is that dentists are responding to market pressures. North of a line from the Severn to the Wash there is little private practice and nine out of ten dentists accept all NHS

cent cut in fees to bring them

This has infuriated den-

tists. In an unprecedented

letter to all dentists, Joe Rich,

chairman of the British Den-

tal Association's negotiating committee, described the cut

as "totally unacceptable". He

warned that it could lead to

"the collapse of NHS dentist-

ry" and appealed to dentists

to "fight for a reasonable fee

increase" In meetings across

the country dentists have vot-

ed to leave the NHS en masse

the cut is imposed. The

health department, aware of

the sensitivity of the issue

before the election, has post-poned a final decision until

But a central paradox re-mains unresolved: why were

many dentists cutting back on health service work even

before the fee cut was proposed, when the new contract

had boosted earnings 13.8

per cent beyond expectations?

Most of the protests and

much of the drift to the pri-

vate sector is taking place in

the South-East, where costs of premises and staff are higher, and patients are better off.

"Patients seem happy to pay," said Richard Buckley,

whose practice in Bromley

has recently gone private.

"We have lost very few pa-

tients. We have got four sur-

geries and they are all very

busy. There were so many clauses in the new contract that we didn't like. Things

May, pending an enquiry.

Both government and opnosition remain concerned. William Waldegrave, the health secretary, initiated discussions with the dental association on rewarding dentists who make the greatest com-mitment to the NHS. Robin Cook for Labour has promised "more money for

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Leading article



Glimpse into the future: a 1959 issue of Punch priced nine old pence

Satire is knocked out by low sales

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PUNCH, the 150-year-old satirical weekly, will cease publication on the eve of the general election unless a buyer can be found to revive it.

The announcement by United Newspapers followed more speculation that the magazine, which lost £1.2 million last year, was about to close. The publishers blamed "a low sale and disappointing advertising revenue"

Sales of Punch, whose contributors have included P.G. Wodehouse and Malcolm Muggeridge, have slumped from a peak of 175,000 in the 1940s to just 33,000 last year. A £700,000 campaign promoting the magazine dur-ing its 150th anniversary last

year failed to boost sales.
"We needed sales to go up by thousands, but they only went up by hundreds. David Thomas, the editor, said. Graham Wilson, United's

managing director, said: "People just don't have as much need for a humourous, topical magazine as they once did. To break even, sales would have had to have reached 75,000 and advertising revenue would have had to have doubled."

Mr Wilson said that the company was working to find a buyer before its last issue on April 8 and the magazine's journalists are believed to considering a management

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Time is running out for Mr Punch

NO MORE the broken lawn-mower; farewell, the all-toohuman pet: RIP Punch magazine. With losses estimated at more than £1 million a year, it seems unlikely to attract a buyer.

"Not as funny as it used to be" had, by last year, become so familiar a cliche that the present editor. David Thomas, based a rather desperate advertising campaign around it. "Not as funny as it used to be — much funnier." it said, but only 33,000 read-

rs seemed to agree.

Taking over the editorship in 1989. Thomas had attempted to jettison the leisurely essays on the dottiness of foreigners and

Once, no dentist's waiting room would have been complete without it. Craig Brown bids farewell to the magazine that embodied middle-class whimsy but failed to adapt to changing tastes in humour

waywardness of household contraptions that had become the hallmark of Punch, substituting brash, rather obvious jokes about the awfulness of TV quiz show hosts and the vulgarity of the MP Edwing Currie. It had become a magazine for yuppies, inopportunely relaunched when Yuppies had begun to

Was Punch ever funny? Successive editors failed to laugh at the efforts of their predecessors. In January 1954, the then editor, Malcolm Muggeridge, recorded in his diary that he had been looking through the volumes for 1938 and 1939, and that pressing — politically, feebly Baldwinian".

Nor did Muggeridge think

Registrar

failed his

patient

A HOSPITAL registrar who told police to remove from Glasgow Royal Infirmary a

man paralysed after being battered with a plank had

four charges against him

proven yesterday. Today, the General Medi-

cal Council will decide wheth-

er Richard Makower, of Can-terbury, Kent, is guilty of seri-ous professional misconduct.

A council committee had

been told that Gordon

McCann, who is now in a

wheelchair, was described by

Mr Makower as a "nutter"

and thrown out of hospital by

police who drove him ten

miles and left him with his

belongings on a grass verge.

orary consultant in neuro-surgery, told the council Mr

Makower's action had been

Mr Makower said that on

the night that Mr McCann

had been admitted, the hospi-

al had been short-staffed and

he had been on duty for 15

hours. "I was very tired, and still very tired when I came

back at eight in the morn-

Mr · Makower added:

'When I checked Mr

McCann later, I attempted to

reinforce my erroneous im-

thought should be there, rather than what I actually found. With the benefit of hindsight,

it is obvious I did not perform

anywhere near my best."
It was alleged that, on
March II, 1990, Mr Makower failed adequately to ex-

amine Mr McCann, failed to arrange x-rays or investiga-tion, and failed to give or arrange treatment. The com-

mittee found he had failed to arrange care and treatment and to diagnose the quadriplegiac condition, and had made a misleading record.

ing," he said.

"defective in all grounds".

Alan Richardson, an hon-

much of the readers. He was much taken with Dr Johnson's remark on his publisher: "Cave has no relish for humour, but he can bear it." "Felt this referred to readers of Punch," Muggeridge

Nevertheless, in its 150 years Punch has scored some notable hits, particularly in the field of parody. The Diary of a Nobody, Molesworth, Lady Addle, 1066 and All That, and AJ Wentworth BA. all made their first steps in the pages of Punch, and it is bad luck on the magazine that their fame has served to divorce them from their

humour was at its most ver-bose and leadenly whimsical

and Heath all contributed funny long after the prose has died a death.

In the 1940s, Punch had a circulation of 144,000. Its dramatic deterioration over the past 30 years can be as-cribed to the success of the more biting satire of *Private* Eye, and the expansion of rival markets for humorous writers in newspapers and in

holds one consolation for the present editor, however. At with everyone else that Punch isn't as funny as it

luxury of a general reflection of saucepans?" might be a typical fast sentence for a Punch article at almost any time in its history), the car-toons held strong Pont, Lan-caster, Bateman, Marc, Trog Looking through back num-bers, it is notable that the cartoons remain alert and

The magazine's demise

("May I permit myself the Britons catch on to healthier diet

BRITONS are consuming less fat, sugar, eggs and meat, in keeping with modern guidelines on healthy eating. but are defying the doctors advice by eating more cheese, cakes and biscuits.

They are eating less fish and fewer fresh green vegeta-bles, though consumption of fruit juices has increased greatly and low fat milks make up more and more of the dwindling milk market.

The results of the National Food Survey for last year show that the average household spent £12.69 per person per week on food for consumption at home, excluding alcohol, soft drinks and confectionery, an increase of 57p since 1990, and of £5.48 since 1980. Exhortations to eat less fat

have reduced the national average consumption to 8.76 ounces per person per week, a healthy decrease from the 11.22 ounces of 1980. The use of butter has fallen from more than quarter of a pound each a week in 1980 to about one and a half ounces today. Consumption of meat and

meat products has also con-tinued to decline, down by more than a sixth since 1980. Carcass meat intake has reduced by almost a third to 11.24 ounces a week in 1991, compared with 16.76 ounces

Sugar intake is well on the way to being halved. In 1980 the average consumption was 11.17 ounces. In 1991 it was down to 5.88. Egg consumption is down by half since

Cheese consumption shows a small increase since 1980, and a marginal improvement since 1990, but fish, whose consumption had climbed to over five ounces per week in 1990, has fallen back to the level of 4.9 ounces, the same amount as in 1985.

Consumption of cakes and biscuits, which had fallen a little, is climbing again, and at 9.32 ounces is above the 1980 level of 9.13 ounces.

Potatoes are being eaten much less, down by almost a sixth since 1980. Consumption of fresh leafy salads, cauliflower and broccoli has increased since 1980, but a sharp decline in the popularity of cabbage and brussels sprouts has cut total consumption of fresh green vegetables by almost a third.

Fresh fruit, however, continues to improve its appeal, and intake of fruit juices is very close to trebling since 1980.

Milk and cream Cheese 3.8 4.1 8.8 2.3 33.9 4.9 33.8 25.4 19.2 21.5 12.0 7.7 26.5 9.3 15.5 Sugar & preserves Bread Cakes & biscuits

Sentences on IRA man total 500 years

By Edward Gorman

ONE of the IRA's most active members was jailed for 22 years at Belfast crown court yesterday and given a total of 500 years in concurrent

Thomas Martin O'Dwyer. from the Falls Road area of West Belfast, was convicted on 33 counts including four attempts to murder members of the security forces and a string of bomb attacks.

The court had earlier been told that O'Dwyer had helped launch three mortar bomb attacks against police stations. He had planted a culvert bomb detonated in the path of an army vehicle, had tried to blow up the main runway at Belfast international airport and had been involved in a plan to destroy Shorts aerospace complex in East Belfast in November

O'Dwyer was jailed with Albert Gerard Weir, aged 22, of Belfast, who received 15 years after admitting an act to cause an explosion. James Overend, aged 41, of Belfast, was jailed for two years for allowing the IRA to use his home. David Adams, aged 63, and his wife, Julia. aged 56, of Belfast, were given 12 months suspended sentences about the IRA.

House rescued by £3.5m grant

The future of Burton Constable, a country house near Sproatley, north Humber-side, has been secured by a £3.5 million endowment from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. John Chichester Constable, the present owner, has agreed that the house and contents should pass to a new charity, the Burton Constable Foundation. He will be one of seven trustees and will continue to live in the south wing.

The house was offered to and rejected by the National Trust in 1967, when repairs were estimated at about £300,000.

Asylum request

Twelve of the Indian illegal immigrants arrested after climbing out of a lorry at a service station on the M4 have asked for political asylum, the Home Office said. others say they will return. probably to Germany, and the other is being examined by a psychiatrist. The men are believed to have travelled to 4: The Netherlands via Germany..

Route cleared

Virgin Atlantic yesterday received the go-ahead to com-pete with British Airways on the Heathrow and Johannesburg service from October. Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, said that prices on the five-a-week flights would be the most competitive yet to South Africa. BA and South African Airways charge £4,200 for a first class return. £2,300 for club class and £590 for an Apex fare.

Police apology

Strathclyde police committee accepted an apology from Leslie Sharp, chief constable of the region, for allegedly racist remarks he made during a cricket club dinner earlier this month. James Jennings, the committee chairman, said: "The chief constable has unreservedly apologised for this and has given us an assurance that he supports our race relations

CORRECTION

Yesterday's Times incorrectly reported that general practi tioners would be subject to the 9 per cent national insurance levy proposed in Labour's shadow budger. As GPs are usually self-employed, they would be exempt from Labour's extension of national insurance.



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Protest by Kurds turns into battle with police

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

World Service.

Another witness, Adam

Baker, from the Local Government Management Board, said police had been

attacked by the protesters. He said: I would certainly say they [the police] were provoked. The demonstrators

were very agressive, hitting cars and throwing things." Estella Schmid, of the Kur-distan Information Centre,

said: "It was a spontaneous march starting in Marble Arch. The police tried to stop

them. Half the people there

were women and children.
The fact is that the police
attacked the march. There
was no provocation."

Chief Superintendent Alan

Evershed, of the Yard's diplo-

matic protection group, said:

"I don't know anything about excessive force. The demon-strators were armed with pick axe handles and club

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

When speaking of the press." An-

thony Trollope wrote, "it is impossi-ble to do other than speak of The

Times." Yet the newspaper that Trollope regarded as an institution

of the realm did not return the com-

pliment to the great novelist, it was

More than a century after the event, Simon Jenkins, editor of The

Times, told 250 guests at the Trol-lope Society's annual dinner in London of a hitherto unknown gaffe

in the newspaper's history.

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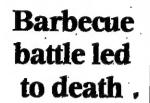
disclosed last night.

hammers."

THE Police Complaints Authority began an investigation last night into police tactics and the use of trun-cheons after Kurdish demonstrators tried to rush the Turkish embassy in Belgrave Square. Scotland Yard's com-plaints investigation bureau called in the authority after one demonstrator was flown unconscious to hospital with head injuries.

The enquiry started after conflicting reports of the scene outside the embassy as police reinforcements were drafted in to confront about 200 demonstrators. Police say the demonstrators, who stoned the embassy and broke a number of windows, were armed with an axe and a sledgehammer and caught a unit of about 20 police un-awares. However, some wit-nesses accused the police of being too aggressive.

The injured man was taken to the Royal London hospital by helicopter. Later the Yard said he was not as seriously



DISPUTE over smoke from a barbecue ended in death, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Andrew Kyriacou, a driv-

ing instructor aged 36, lit the barbecue in his patio garden in Southwark, south London, one afternoon last July. The smoke from it annoyed Terrance Norman, a lorry driver, whose balcony overlooked the patio.

Mr Norman and his wife complained loudly and abu-sively, and followed up their complaints with two buckets of water which hit the barbecue and splashed Mr Kyriacou, his wife Kay and their daughter Zoe aged two; David Calvert-Smith, for the

prosecution, said. Mr Norman, aged 53, then challenged Mr Kyriacou who and kicked in the door. A fight broke out, starting with fists but in which both men hit each other with a rock, used by the Normans as a door stop, Mr Calvert-Smith said. Two witnesses saw Route dean Norman take hold of a knife near the balcony door and stab Mr Kyriacou in the

chest," he continued. Mr Kyriacou died from a massive haemorrhage in his lungs. Mr Norman was said to have told police that what happened was self defence. He denies murder.

The trial continues today.







Street violence: police stand in front of smashed windows at the Trinidad embassy, mistaken by demonstrators for Turkey's. Top, a Kurdish demonstrator is helped to an ambulance after the battle. Above, Kurds protesting at treatment to their countrymen outside the Turkish embassy before the violence started

Home head accused of child sex abuse

By PETER DAVENPORT

ent to Trollope, dated April 17,

Rejuctance to say No has made

ne postpone a disagreeable task,"

Mowbray Morris, general manager

of The Times, wrote in reply to an offer from Trollope to write for the

paper during a visit to Australia.
We feel flattered by your offer to

place a practised pen and a popular name at our disposal, but the Editor doubts his being able to give you the ample space enough to develop your

subject". Trollope found plenty of space in his own pages to satirise the newspaper, as The Jupiter, represented by Tom Towers — a charac-

A SOCIAL worker in charge of a children's home abused young boys placed in his care and protection, a jury was

told yesterday.

Christopher Oldfield, the officer in charge of the council-run Elm Tree Farm community home at Stockton on Tees, Cleveland, was regarded as a father figure by all the children in his charge. Newcastle upon Tyne crown court was told. He is accused of betraying their trust and subjecting them to six years of abuse for his own sexual

Mr Oldfield, aged 49, denies seven specimen charges buggery involving seven boys between 1977 and 1983. Although one child com-plained about his treatment in 1983 the abuse continued because police did not believe his allegations, the court was

told. Mr Oldfield was arrested at the end of 1990. The boys believed that they were the "favoured few" when Mr Oldfield invited them to his flat to watch video films or for holidays in his cabin cruiser on the Leeds-Liverpool ca-nal, but he betrayed their trust and subjected them to a variety of sexual offences. James Spencer, QC, for the prosecution, told the court.

How The Times spurned Trollope travel tales

last century.

tabloid hacks.

BBC bans repeats on prime time TV

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

REPEATS, American series and big-prize-game shows are to be banished from prime time BBC schedules from this autumn as part of a five-year plan aimed at keeping television audiences big enough to

justify the licence fee.

Will Wyan, managing director of BBC Television, is determined to prove that it can entertain and inform, while offering something that his commercial rivals do not provide. He has promised hundreds more hours each year of original drama and comedy, as well as new light entertainment formats subtly more upmarket than those of ITV. An extra £60 million a

year will be spent on new pro-grammes. "We need another golden age of BBC tele-vision." he said.

Mr Wyatr's initiative follows last autumn's collapse in the popularity of BBC1. Ratings fell to about 33-34 per cent, a full ten points behind ITV. The move comes when morale among programme makers has slumped, amid mounting redundancies and

cost-cutting reforms.

● The BBC yesterday announced 121 redundancies in its design and equipment department.

word for word. Newspapers were central to many of his 47 novels, at present being edited by the Trollope Society, and epitomised the brave

gland of swift comm

Furthermore, as the present edi-

tor of The Times remarked, the nov-

elist's style remains a model to all

serious newspaper writers aspiring to a lucid prose that shuns abstrac-tion and ripples with human charac-ter. Last night, The Times offered its

apologies to Trollope for such a slip of judgment, but did it in a form that

he would surely have appreciated: a

tion that so entranced him.

McGuigan banned for 129mph drive on coastal road

BY ALISON ROBERTS

BARRY McGuigan, former world featherweight boxing champion, was fined £300 and banned from driving for eight weeks yesterday for

speeding.
McGuigan was caught driving his BMW 325i at 129mph on November 9. last year, on the north Wales coastal road as he returned home to Faversham in Kent. He had spent the previous night judging a Miss Boxer shorts competition in Llandudno, magistrates in Flint

Darell Jones, for the prosecution, said that police had pulled McGuigan over on the eastbound carriageway of the A55 at Caerwys, Clwyd. The



McGuigan: "Rushing to see sick son"

retired boxer, aged 31, apologised and said that he was rushing to get home to be with his son. Blane, aged eight, who had an ear infection. "I didn't realise I was doing a prophing like that doing anything like that speed," he said. McGuigan's solicitor, John

Gregory, said the speed that the officer clocked had frightened McGuigan and within ten days he had sold the BMW. He now drove a four-wheel drive vehicle with a top speed of 85mph.

McGuigan said after the hearing: Eight weeks is a long time with the amount of travelling I do."

McGuigan was described as a sports commentator and did charity work. He drove up to 70,000 miles a year. During the eight-week ban he will employ four drivers to take him around the country.

McGuigan was worried about the effect of the incident on young people who looked up to him, Mr Gregory said. McGuigan is appealing

against a High Court decision ordering him and the Channel 5 video company to pay his ex-manager Barney Eastwood £450,000 damages plus costs for libel over claims he made in a video film.

LEGAL NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PEOPLE WITH BJORK-SHILEY CONVEXO-CONCAVE ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVES (NOT THE MONOSTRUT) AND SPOUSES

This notice is for people with the Bjork-Shiley Convexo-Concave ("C-C") artificial heart valve, and their spouses and this informs you of your legal rights.

There has been a problem with a small number of these particular valves.

If you or your spouse has another Bjork-Shiley valve, such as the Monostrut, or some other manufacturers, valve, then this notice does not apply to you.

This is a legal notice to notify you of a lawsuit in the USA which also affects people outside of the USA. If you have a Bjork-Shiley C-C valve you are entitled to money and other benefits.

There is no medical information in this notice. If you have any medical questions about your valve, you should ask your doctor or the implanting hospital.

A lawsuit in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, has been filed on behalf of all people in the world with the Bjork-Shiley C-C valve. The name of the lawsuit is Bowling, et al v Shiley Incorporated and Pfizer Inc, Case No C-1-256. It is pending before Judge S Arthur Speigel in the US District Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. This notice provides you with some brief information about this lawsuit.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE A C-C VALVE?

If you received a heart valve before 1979, or after 1986, you probably do not have a C-C valve.

You can tell if you have a C-C valve by looking at your implant card if you received one after your surgery. If you have a Bjork-Shiley valve and the serial number of your valve has the letter "C" in it, you have a C-C valve. If the serial number does not have the letter "C"; you do not have a C-C valve. Your doctor may also be able to belp you find out if you have a C-C valve.

ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A C-C VALVE, THIS NOTICE DOES NOT AFFECT YOU. IF YOU DO HAVE A C-C VALVE, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The settlement being considered by the court in Ohio provides:

a payment to you or your spouse that can be used for any purpose, including consultation with a physician or other health care provider;

additional medical research that may benefit you;

the availability of a guaranteed, prompt settlement should a fracture of the valve occur. In that event if you do not accept the guaranteed payment, you may seek compensation through arbitration, or file

Please complete the "Information Form" to obtain more details about the settlement.

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ter who Trollope insisted was not based on John Thadeus Delane, edi-

tor of The Times for 36 years of the

Trollope savaged inaccurate re-

porting and editorial arrogance, car-icatured the worst journalistic

tendencies, and created in Quintus

Slide, editor of the fictional People's

Banner, a character "not remark-able for his clean linen", which may

Yet Trollope's fascination with the press was undimmed by the sharpness of his wit. Though dismissive of

his reviews, he remembered them

nfortably familiar to today's

A hearing on the settlement will be held before Judge Speigel on June 5th, 1992, at 10.00am, Courtroom 842, United States Post Office and Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, to determine whether the settlement is fair. You or your lawyer may attend.

If you have reason to believe that you or your spouse has a C-C valve, you should get more information by completing and returning the "Information Form" below without delay.

Returning the "Information Form" will not commit you to any course of action, but will provide you with the information you need to protect your rights. Also, returning the form will assure that the court has your name and address so that you can receive the money and other benefits of the settlement, if you do not exclude yourself from the lawsuit.

You may feel you need further legal information. If so you may receive it without charge to yourself by indicating this in the appropriate space on the "Information Form".

You may also object to the settlement, or exclude yourself from the lawsuit. These terms, and their implications for you, are explained in the information you will receive after you return the "Information Form". You will not be able to object or exclude yourself, however, unless you do so in writing to Daniel J. Lyons, Jnr., Deputy Clerk, United States Post Office and Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, USA, by no later than

If you do not exclude yourself, you will be bound by the settlement and will not be allowed to bring a lawsuit relating to your or your spouse's C-C heart valve, except to enforce the settlement agreement or if the valve malfunctions.

IMPORTANT

To protect your rights, you should get more information.

Name of valve recipient
Address
pouse name
Address if different
Mail to: Stanley M Chesley Esq
Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley Co., L.P.A.
1513 Central Trust Tower
Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202 USA
FAX (513) 621-0262
Ar Chesley is a lawyer appointed by the court to represent C-C valve patients and their spouses worldwide.
would like to be contacted by a European based lawyer appointed by Mr Chesley who will communicate with me is
he following language (indicate one only):
Dutch English French German
Greek Italian Portuguese Spanish
Please obtain proof that you or your spouse is a recipient of a Bjork-Shiley C-C heart valve. You will be asked to provide this information at a later time to support your claim.



Police apoli

Equal opportunities conference

Police chief accuses officers of sex bias

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A WOMAN police officer who wanted to join a motor-cycle course was taken to a heavily loaded 1,000cc machine left lying on its side and told she could have a place if she lifted the machine, an international police conference on equal opportunities was told yesterday. No male officers had to pass the test.

The challenge was not an isolated example of discrimination, according to Baden Skitt, chief constable of Hertfordshire and the chairman of a national police committee on equal opportunities. When he asked a female officer to question her colleagues about discrimination. all 14 officers said they had been discriminated against and 13 also reported sexual harassment although they had not been asked if that

Mr Skitt, speaking to a week long conference on equality organised by the Home Office and a European network of women police officers, said the 14, taken from a number of forces, might not be large enough to comprise a sample group but if "discriminatory practices were found to be present for such a small group it must give cause for concern about the extent to which it may be

In another case, a woman officer who wanted to become a detective was questioned by her sergeant about her religion. Mr Skitt said when she disclosed she was Roman Catholic the sergeant said he would only recommend her if she could prove she was tak-ing the pill. He said he did not support someone for CID work who could become pregnant and leave.

He also pointed to the case of a woman officer in a traffic department who applied to take a course for a heavy goods vehicle licence. She was refused several times and eventually told women were not allocated to the course. She took the course privately and qualified, and was then instructed to drive the trucks.

Addressing over 300 delegates from Britain, Europe, America, and the Far East. Mr Skitt said the way to combat the discrimination was to ensure cases were brought out into the open and pursued through grievance procedures if necessary. Police managers had to learn discrimination was unacceptable and why. Support-groups should also be encouraged.

The message has to be in cases of personal discrimination, whatever happens, get the problem out in the open, train people and provide the support by which it can be recognised and dealt with," Mr Skitt said. Sir John Woodcock, chief inspector of constabulary,

said that the number of women police officers had ris-en from 14,513 in 1990 to 15,061 last year, represent-ing more than 11 per cent of the total strength.

> Women and work L&T section, pages 4, 5



Faces of courage: three children from Northern Ireland who were among 48 presented with Young Citizens' awards for bravery at London's Guildhall yesterday. Andrew Fergu-son, aged eight, was forced to watch as IRA gummen shot dead his father after bursting into the family's home

in Belfast nearly a year ago.

Orla and Maeve O'Reilly, identical twins aged 12, from Derry, helped their father to care for their nine er died last October. The awards, set up in memory of Ross McWhirter, former editor of the Guinness Book of Records, who was killed by an IRA bomb in 1975, were presented by Sir Brian Jenkins, Lord Mayor of London and the comedian Frank Carson. Two teenaged boys won the top awards. Thomas Roberts, aged 15

saved his teacher's life after a man burst into the classroom and shot the teacher in the arm. Thomas, of Keynsham, Bristol, used his shirt as a bandage to stem the bleeding. Christian Bury, aged 16, from Westcliff-onSea, Essex, rescued a child aged 18 months who fell into a reservoir. The boys were chosen from more than 1,000 nominations. mers-up were: Jamie Dale, aged

14, of Grimsby, South Humberside; Steven Ashford, 16, of Lowestoft, Suf-folk, Joanne Pinder, 17, of Dewsbury. West Yorkshire; Allan Simpson, 13, of Rugby, Warwickshire; Neil Hardy, 18, of Grantham, Lincolnshire; Nicola Gibbons, 18, of Poole, Dorset, and Alexander Holland, 15, of

Reluctant patients risk dying of cancer

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By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

EMBARRASSMENT and a reluctance to trouble the family doctor with minor symptoms are costing 15,000 lives a year through delayed diagnosis of two of the most common cancers.

Bener surgical techniques have brought significant improvements in survival rates for patients with stomach and bowel cancer, specialists from the British Society of Gastroenterology said yesterday. In the best centres a cure rate of more than 90 per cent is being achieved for patients in the early stage of the diseases.

But squeamishness about reporting blood in the stool, the commonest early warning sign of bowel cancer, and a reluctance to complain about indigestion, the commonest sign of stomach cancer, are sending patients to an early

Roger Leicester, consultant colorectal surgeon at St George's Hospital, London, said that of the 24,000 new cases of bowel cancer seen every year, well over half were incurable because the diseaserwas too far advanced.

A study in Nottingham, to be presented to the society's spring meeting in Sheffield this week, showed that when the population was offered a simple screening test to detect occult (invisible) blood in the stool, the proportion of bowel cancers detected at the earliest stage rose from 10 to 50 per cent compared with 5 per cent nationally. Of 77,500 people offered the test just over half accepted it.

Often, however, the bleeding is obvious but patients do nothing about it. "Any patient over 45 with persis-tent rectal bleeding should consult their GP especially if '5 the blood is dark red or mixed in with the stool," Michael Robinson, author of the Not-

tingham study said.

Mr Leicester said 12,000 of the 17,000 deaths a year from bowel cancer might be prevented if patients and doctors were more alert to warning signs and hospitals had equate diagnostic facilities. Bowel cancer was second only to lung cancer in men, killed seven times as many as cervical cancer in women, and was

increasing, he said. Specialists said that 3,000 of the 10,000 deaths a year be prevented by earlier referrral and the provision of more" facilities for endoscopy in hospitals.



BY PETER DAVENPORT

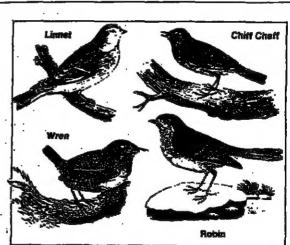
voices'

ALBERT Dryden, accused of murdering a council plan-ning officer in a dispute over an illegally built bungalow, yesterday said that he had been "plagued" by voices be-fore and after the killing.

Mr Dryden told Newcastle upon Tyne crown court that he remembered a bulldozer that was to be used in the demolition of his home being unloaded. "I visualised it coming through the fence and smashing the house and I thought about the livestock and I snapped," he said. After that his mind went blank.

Earlier he claimed that the long-running dispute had left him so depressed that he had repeatedly played "Russian roulette" with the revolver involved in the alleged murder, but the hammer had always landed on empty.

Mr Dryden, aged 51, de-nies murdering Harry Collinson, a planning officer with Derwentside council, and three charges of attempted murder. The trial continues today.



Songbirds' silence blamed on weather

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE wren, the whitethroat tering grounds and stormy and the chiff-chaff are having a hard time. With a wide range of other British birds, their numbers de-clined last year, a time when the sound of songbirds was

Results of an annual survey of bird numbers by the British Trust for Ornithology show that for many species last year was the worst since the survey began in 1981. Among resident birds there were fewer dunnocks, blackbirds, song thrushes, blue tits, linnets and reed buntings than in any of the past ten years, while among the migrants the same was true of the reed warbler, the whitethroat, the lesser whitethroat and the willow

warbler. Writing in BTO News, Will Peach and Stephen Baillie of the trust, mainly blame the weather. Two weeks of severe winter in February last year accounted for the huge reduction in the numbers of wrens and other small resident birds. Cold, wet weather in June reduced the numbers of surviving young of most

Among the migrants,

weather over the Mediterranean when they were flying back appear to have claimed many lives. Of 23 species whose numbers were measured last year, all but one - the chaffinch had declined since 1990.

The birds were counted by setting up mist-nets at more than 100 sites across Britain in the same place and for the same length of time on 12 mornings between May and August. The numbers of adult birds of different species caught in the nets provide a yearby-year comparison. The greatest declines last year were the wren, down 54 per cent, the whitethroat, down 44 per cent, and the chiffchaff, down 46 per cent.

"In the 11 years we have been doing this survey, this is the worst by far," Mr Peach says. "We are worried but we are not ringing the alarm bells yet. What happens in the next two to three months is critical: will the populations bounce back? If not, we would be seriously worried about the future of some species." Of particular concern, he said, were the linner and the reed warbler,

SOCIETY

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY DICORPORATED IN NEW SOUTH WALES MEMBERS, TYRESTA FINISED.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE is bereby given that the 143rd Annual General Meeting of the members of AMP Society will be held at the Regent Hotel, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 29 April 1992 to receive and consider

(a) the report of the Directors, (b) the balance sheet, revenue account and related notes and the report of the Auditor,

in respect of AMP Society and the AMP Society Group for the year ended 31 December 1991.

Proxy forms will be supplied to any member of AMP who applies either personally at any of AMP1 unjor customer service centres or in writing to the Secretary at the address below.

A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, where there is a ballot, vote instead of the member. A proxy must be a member, except where the appointor is a corporation. Forms must be deposited with the Returning Annual General Meeting.

AMP Society 34th Floor AMP Building Alfred Street
SYDNEY COVE AUSTRALIA

By order of the Board D.G. Rubinson, Secretary 25 March 1992

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY NACORPORATED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, MEMBERS, MARKELLA FINGLED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the members
of AMP Society convened by the Directors pursuant to By-law
9.1, will be held immediately following the conclusion or
declaration of adjournment of the Annual General Meeting to be
held at the Regent Hotel, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne,
Australia at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 29 April 1992 for the
purposes of considering and, if thought fit, pussing the following
resolutions amending the By-laws of the AMP Society:

1. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution
as a special resolution:

"THAT the By-laws Part 1 be and are amended by deleting the references to "the Companies (New South Wales) Code" and "the Companies (New South Wales) Code 1981" and substituting "the Corporations Law" in each case."

2. To consider and, if thought fit, to puts the following resolution

"THAT the By-laws Part 2 are amended as follows:

(1) Delete all references to "Code" wherever appearing in the By-laws and substitute "Law":

(2) Delete all references to the "Foreign Takeovers Act 1975" wherever appearing in the By-laws and substitute "Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975". (3) By-kw 1 (a) Delete the existing definition of "the Actuary" and

""the Actuary" means the appointed actuary from time to time appointed for the purposes of the Life Insurance Act."

(b) Delete the definition of "Appointed Actuary".

(c) Delete the definition of "Code" (d) Delete from the definition of "Foreign Person", the ds "Section 5(1) of". (c) After the definition of "Foreign Votes", insert

"Law" mean the Corporations Law as it applies to AMP (4) By-Law 2.(1) Delete "related for" and substitute "a related body

corporate of that other corporation for .. Delete the existing By-law and substitute:

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"5. I Superministion

Where a Subsidiary is or proposes to become the Policyholder of a Policy as either trustee of, or on behalf of, one or more superannuation plans or other trusts or as manager under management agreements established for the purposes or benefit of AMP clients, the Directors may in their absolute discretion (and subject to any conditions that they may impose) determine that any person associated with the relevant plans, trusts or agreements as trustee. relevant plans, trusts or agreements as trustee, employer, beneficiary or otherwise who is specified by the Directors shall be Members in lieu of the Subsidiary and be entitled to exercise the number of votes calculated in respect of the relevant Policy under By-law 15. If 2 or more persons are so specified as the Members, the Directors shall determine how the available wotes for the Policy shall be divided between them."

Delete "Section 240" and substitute "Section 245".

(7) By-kw 6.3 After "meetings", insert "and annual general meetings". (8) By-law 13.1

Delete the second sentence. (9) By-law 14.2

Delete the existing By-law and substitute: 14.2 Result of a show of hands

(a) On a show of hands each person present (not being a Minor) who is a Member or a proxy, attorney or representative of a Member appointed with By-law 16 shall have one vote only.

(b) Notwithstanding By-law 14.2(a), on a show of hands the chairman shall have one vote as a Member and an additional vote for each Member who votes on the resolution by post in accordance with By-law 14.5, each such vote to be cast in the manner directed on the

(c) A declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried (or that it has been carried unanimously or by a particular majority), or that it has been lost, together with an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the result (10) By-law 14.4

(a) Number the cristing By-law pungraph "(a)".

(b) Insert the following as paragraph "(b)":

"(b) Postal votes lodged under By-law 14.5 shall be taken into account at a ballot notwithstanding that

(11) By-law 14.5

By-law 14.5

Delete the existing By-law 14.5 and substitute:

"14.5 Postal votters" roll

AMP shall keep a roll of postal voters in accordance with the Life Insurance Act. Members entitled to wote may have their names entered on that roll and those who do so may vote by post on the election of Directors and on the amendment of the Memorandum or By-laws." (12) By-law 15.2

Delete "Ar" at the beginning of the By-law and substitute:
"Without prejudice to By-law 22.5(b), at".

(13) By-law 15.3(d)

Delete "CHASE AMP Bank Limited (or another bank selected by the Directors)" and substitute "a bank selected by the Directors". (14) By-law 15.7

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7 Determination of woring entitlements
(a) For the purposes of By-law 15.2, the number of worse which a Member is entitled to case at a ballot shall be determined from the records of AMP as at the close of business on the effective date (as defined below) and the number so determining a Member's voting entitlement.

Member's voting entitlement.

(b) The effective date shall be the date 21 days prior to the date of the relevant meeting or such later date as the Directors may determine; or in the case of an election of Directors, the date determined by the Directors under By-law 22.1."

(16) By-law 16.2

Delete the existing By-law 16.2. (17) By-lew 16.3 (a) Re-number By-law 16.3 as 16.2. (b) Delete "Section 5(1) of.

(18) By-law 16.4 Re-number By-law 16.4 as 16.3. (19) By-law 16.5 ber By-law 16.5 as 16.4.

(20) By law 16.6 (a) Re-number By-law 16.6 at 16.5.

(a) New annote by law 16.6 and substitute "Deposit requirements (including postal wore)".
 (c) Delete "deposited with" and substitute "received by".
 (d) Delete the balance of By-law 16.6 after "lodged." and

"(a) the proxy paper or power of amorney and any supporting documents required by these By-laws or a copy of the power of strongey certified by stan-tory declaration or in other acceptable manner; (b) postal outs mide under By-isw 14.5.

These documents may be deposited by facsimile reposition.

(21) By-law 16.7 (a) Re-number By-law 16.7 at 16.6. (b) Delete "16.3" and substitute "16.2".

(22) By-law 17 (a) Delete the existing By-law 17.1 and substitute: "17.1 Number
The number of Directors shall be 12 or such number

being not less than 10 nor more than 14 as the Directors shall from time to time determine, all such numbers being inclusive of the Managing Director and any Deputy Managing Director."

(c) In By-law 17.3, delete "or 17.2". er By-law 17.3 at 17.2.

(d) Re-number By-law 17.3 as 17.2.

(23) By-law 18.1(f)

Delete the existing By-law 18.1(f) and substitute:

"(f) he is not a director, principal, auditor, employee or agent of any firm, person or corporation (or related corporation which is a Subsidiary, which carries on the business of life insurance, banking, merchant banking, nonfeatonal super-nannation management for enternal professional superannuation management for emercial clients or professional funds management for emercial clients provided that he shall nevertheless be qualified f the Directors so determine notwithstanding his ing any such office."

(24) By-law 19.1 (a) In paragraph (c) after "permusion;" insert "or".
(b) Delete paragraph (d). mber paragraph (e) as paragraph (d).

(25) By-law 19.2 Delete the third sentence of By-law 19.2. (26) By-Law 19.3 Delete the existing By-law 19.3 and substitute:

19.3 Selection of Directors to retire (a) Subject to By-Isws 19.2 and 20.2 the Directors to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since they were last elected. When 2 or more Directors last elected or re-elected on the same day are required to retire in accordance with By-law 19.2, those to retire shall (unless they agree

erwise) be decided by the Directors. (b) The Directors to reture shall be determined not later than 1 December in the year preceding the relevant election of Directors."

(27) By-law 19.5 Delete By-law 19.5. (28) By-Law 21.2

(30) By-law 21.3

After "preceding year", insert "(but not later than 4 pm. Sydney time on the last bonness day in Sydney of that (29) By-law 21,2(a)

Delete paragraph (v) and substitute "(v) a statement that he does not hold any office described in By-law 18.1(f) or the Directors have determined that he is qualified netwithstailing that he holds any such

(a) in paragraph (a), delete "and By-law 17.2 has been comedied with". (b) In paragraph (b), delete the words "and there is a

palified candidate who must be elected to comply with y-law 17.2, the Chairman shall declare him elected and" (31) By-lew 22.3

"22.3 Form of voting paper (a) A voting paper shall be in or to the effect of the following form or in such other form as the Directors from time to time descrimint: "Australian Munual Provident Society

For the election of (number)...

(ii) I am/am not a corporation or entity which would be regarded as a "foreign person" for the purpose of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 of Average.

Assentia."

(b) Provision shall be made for recording the full name and ordinary residential address of the Member woring and sufficient details to identify him and determine the number of votes to which he is entitled. If these are not fully furnished and the Member cannot, in the opinion, of a person appointed under By-law 22.6 he identified from the relevant Register, the voting paper shall be relevant.

(32) By-law 22_5 Delote the exist ing By-law 22.5 and substit

(a) In any election of Directors
(i) The number of water and be as set out in By-law 15; (ii) If the Member is a corporation, its vote shall be given under common seal or in accordance with By-law 16.4;

(iii) Without derogating from other provisions relating to ballots, By-laws 14.5 and 14.8 shall apply to a ballot for election.

(b) On every valid voting paper, a Member shall be deemed to have voted for each candidate whose mame has not been struck out. Each candidate for whom the Member has voted shall be awarded a number of votes equal to the total number of wors that that Member is, subject to By-law 15.6, entitled to cast at a ballot. For example, if the Member is entitled to 100 votes, each candidate for whom he votes shall in the first instance be awarded 100 votes, subject always to By-law 15.6."

(a) in paragraph (a), delete "to vacancies for which they are eligible (having regard to By-law 17.2)".

(b) Delete paragraph (b).

(c) Ro-number paragraphs (c) and (d) as paragraph (b) and (c) respectively.

(34) By-law 23.2

(a) At the end of paragraph (a)(i), insert "or".

(b) In paragraph (a)(ii), delete "or".

(c) Delete paragraph (a)(iii). (d) to paragraph (c), delete "death," and substitute "death or". (e) In paragraph (c), delete "or change of residence".

(35) By-law 25

(36) By-law 27.2 Delete, "its" and substitute "and the". (37) By-law 31 Delete "or alternate director" wherever appearing.

(38) By-law 32 Delete the existing By-law 32. (39) By-law 35.4

(40) By-law 37.1 nsert "(f)," before "(h)". (41) By-law 38.2 Delete "Subject to the Code, the" and substitute "The". (42) By-law 38.3

Delete the existing By-law 38.3 and substitute: "38.3 Retirement by rotation Retirement by rotation

One third, or the whole number nearer to one third of the members of each local board or board of advice shall retire in July each year and shall be eligible for re-appointment."

(43) By-law 41 Delete the existing By-law 41. (44) By-laws 49.1 and 49.2 Delete the existing By-laws 49.1 and 49.2 and substinue.

-49.1 Authorised persons

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Every Policy and every variation, alteration and endonement of a Policy shall be signed by a person appointed by the Actuary or such employee of AMP at the Actuary may nominate from time to time. 49.2 Means of signature

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The signature may be made by any means approved by the Actuary or such employee of AMP as the Actuary may nominate from time to time."

A copy of the By-laws incorporating the proposed amendments, a brochure containing explanatory notes of the proposed changes and pracy forms will be applied to any member of AMP who applies either personally at any of AMPs major costomer service centers or in writing to the Secretary at the address below.

A ballot must be held on the resolutions for changing the By-laws and so the Chairman of the General Meeting will call for a formal ballot on the 2 resolutions which will close at the conclusion of the meeting. Arrangements are being made for those members of AMP meeting. Arrangements are being made for those members of AMP
who are registered on the postal voters' roll to be given an
opportunity to-lodge their votes in the meantime by mail.

A member entitled to attend and wore may appoint a proxy to attend and, where there is a ballot, vote instead of the member. A proxy must be a member, except where the appointor is a corp-oration. Forms must be deposited with the Remaining Officer at the address below not later than 48 hours before the General Meeting.

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Home rescue schemes fail to halt any repossessions

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

NOT one family has been saved from repossession by the mortgage rescue schemes announced by Norman Lamont in December, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders. The Chancellor claimed that the schemes would prevent 40.000 repossessions in

Moreover, figures from the Lord Chancellor's depart-ment show that the level of court applications for evictions is almost the same as in 1991, the record year for

Lenders started 13,781 actions in county courts last month, compared with 13,897 in February last year. In January there were 14,223 actions entered, just down on the 14,271 for the corres-

ponding month last year.

Not all repossession actions lead to repossessions, but the court statistics are seen as a reliable guide to the eventual level of repossessions.

Mortgage rescue schemes are mainly mortgage-to-rent schemes involving lenders and housing associations. Under the schemes building societies offer reduced rate loans to housing asociations to buy properties from borrowers in arrears. But the Council of Mortgage Lenders confirms that three months on, not a single scheme has been completed.

A spokeswoman said: "The eason is that the mortgageto-rent schemes are very complicated. Even a normal property transaction takes two months. It is not unreasonable that these schemes should take time."

Delays were caused by difficulties over deciding who should be rescued; the need for independent legal advice for all parties and independent valuations; and the number of parties involved, the council spokeswoman

added. The Nationwide, the country's second biggest building society and the first to announce a mortgage rescue scheme, says it has five mortgage-to-rent deals in the pipeline. "Five families have said they want to take part and now the legal process is beginning," a spokesman

Lenders emphasised that they had schemes other than mortgage to rent to help borrowers who had run into trouble with their mortgages Since the announcement of the schemes with housing as-sociations lenders have shift-ed the emphasis to initiatives including debt counselling. direct payments from the social security department to lenders, and accepting re-

duced payments.
The Leeds is offering homeowners a capped rate mort-gage at 9.99 per cent on some interest-free loan on the rest

as part of its mortgage rescue scheme, for example.

"Mortgage-to-rent schemes have received all the publicity because they were new and the most imaginaspokeswoman said. "But lenders are doing other things too which should not

The council refused to put a figure on the numbers who had been saved from repos-session by lenders's other initiatives. "It's very hard to predict numbers because it depends on other things like unemployment and interest rates," the spokesman added. Meanwhile, the figures from the Lord Chancellor's

office, are a grim reminder that however many people are rescued eventually, lenders are still applying to the courts for applications to evict.

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Burglars at the home of a member of the millionaire Vestey family have stolen heirlooms and a racing

Thieves took family silver valued at £20,000 from the Georgian mansion of Timothy Vestey, general manager of the Vestey Group, whose family's interests include the Dewhurst butchers chain. The house is at Ashdon, near Saffron Walden, Essex.

The stolen items included a solid silver Thurlow Hunt racing trophy, worth £3,000, which Mr Vestey won last month. The thieves also took Hanoverian silver table dinner service and a silver carriage clock, both bearing the Vestey crest of an antelope oirds silen

Lawyer's fraud

d on weath William Templeton, aged 35, of Lenzie, near Glasgow, has been struck off the solicitors' roll by the Law Society of Scotland for embezzling £2,432 from clients of the law firm that employed him and seeking a mortgage by fraud after gaining a social security number by using a dead man's birth certificate.

Generosity low

Yorkshire people, noted for parsimony, have always given a poor response to appeals for the York Minister Fund, according to the Earl of Halifax, its chairman, marking its 25th anniversary.

They do not appear to be incredibly generous," he said.

Peer accused

The Marquess of Bristol, aged 37, appeared before magistrates at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, yesterday accused of possessing and intending to supply heroin and cocaine with a street value of about £800. The case was adjourned for 14 days.

Editor killed

Peter Bolt, aged 32, editor of Motor Cycle News, died when the Honda 900 he was riding collided with the rear of a van on the A43 in Northamptonshire, police said yesterday.

Working mothers role swap

BY DAVID YOUNG

HALF of working mothers would happily swap roles with their husbands to be the main family breadwinner, according to a survey. Almost half said that they were no better at looking after children than men.

The survey, conducted by Gallup for the high street chain BhS, covered 400 working mothers in the run-up to the election and mothering Sunday. BhS and the Working Mothers' Association, which supported the survey, said: "The fact work-ing mothers are now pre-pared to relinquish their traditional responsibilities as mother and homemaker suggests that the last bastion of family life as we know it is about to crumble in favour of a more truly equal society."

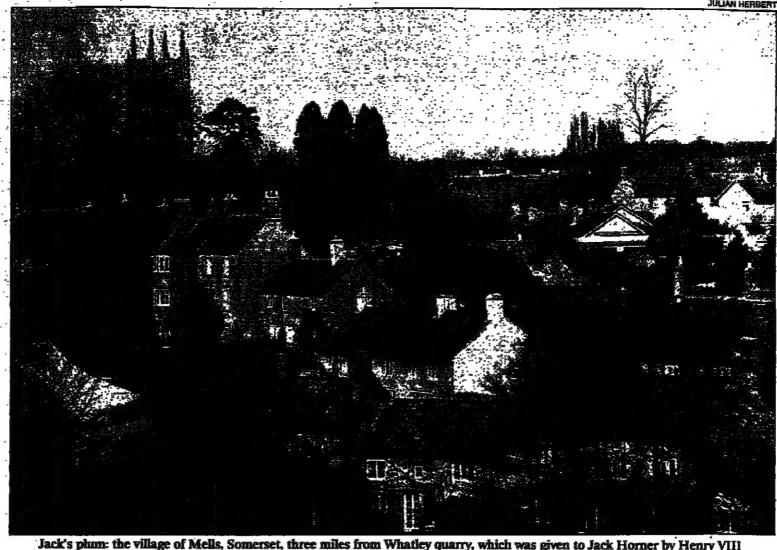
The survey, which forms the basis of The Working Mums' Manifesto, free from BhS branches, shows that there is a significant number of floating voters among working mothers, with 17 per cent still to decide which party to support.

Almost all think that the government should review its attitude to working mothers. They suggest that there should be more creches in the community, increased after-school care, subsidised care, and improved materni-

ty leave. Working mothers also think that employers should provide more part-time jobs, more job-sharing and more flexible hours. They suggest that employers should consider offering them longer holidays a special of the should be shou holidays - unpaid if necessary — to coincide with school holidays.

They feel that they need the stamina of a long-distance runner and an unflappable approach to life. They should also have a partner who knows not only where to buy bleach but how to clean a toilet with it.

More than 90 per cent admitted that they find the price of combining work with motherhood too high. The most common complaint was a lack of time to spend on themselves.



Jack's plum: the village of Mells, Somerset, three miles from Whatley quarry, which was given to Jack Horner by Henry VIII

Cultural sites 'at risk' from quarrying

By John Young

A PUBLIC enquiry begins on April 7 into an application to extend working at Whatley quarry, near the vil-lage of Mells, in Somerset.

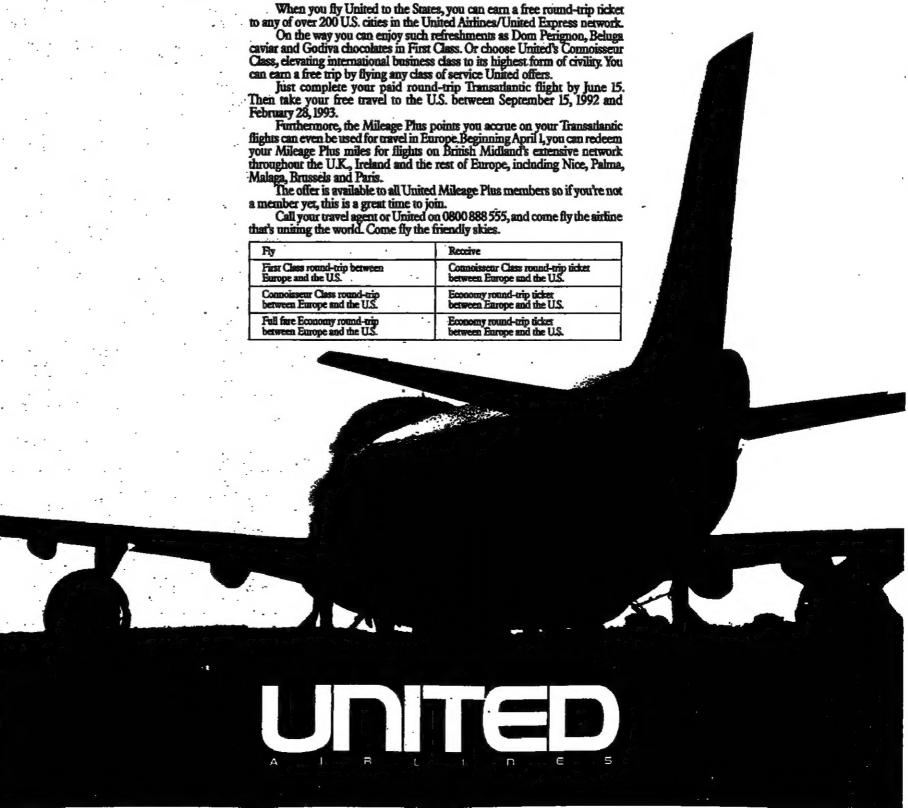
The Council for the Protection of Rural England is opposing the application. It claims that the quarry, one of four within three miles of the village, is already among the largest in Europe. The local Mendip stone has long been prized by the construction

ndustry. The village is famous as the "plum" acquired by Lit-tle Jack Horner in the nursery rhyme. Before the Reformation it belonged to the monks of Glastonbury Abbey and after the dissolution of the monasteries was presented to Horner by Henry VIII.

The council says three other "culturally important" sites are threatened by mineral extraction, including Throop Clump, which ad-joins Egdon Heath, Dorset, setting for Thomas Hardy's

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Poll finds that campaign has left attitudes unchanged

Thatcher factor fails to tip balance for Tories

BY ROSIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

THE much-publicised entry of Margaret Thatcher into the Conservative election campaign is unlikely to sway many floating voters. according to a new Mori poll for The Times.

When poll respondents were asked if her participation would help or harm the Tory cause, 28 per cent thought she would help the Conservatives, 30 per cent thought she would harm their cause and 35 per cent reckoned that she would make no difference. Attitudes tended to go with party support. Among Tories 45 per cent thought she would help and only 16 per cent that she would harm her party. Among Labour supporters the verdict was 44 to 18 the

other way.

Among the much sought-after C2s, 26 per cent think she will help and 29 per cent that she will harm her party. Among potential Liberal Democrat switchers, a main Tory target, just over a quarter think

LABOUR sought to throw

health into the centre of the general election campaign

last night as Neil Kinnock

and Robin Cook alleged that the health service was under

threat of privatisation from a

The Labour leadership

played what it believes to be

its strongest electoral card with an emotive election broadcast contrasting the

cases of two little girls need-

ing hospital treatment, one

whose parents could pay £200

for an operation privately,

and the other, suffering from

a painful ear complaint, who

had to wait for nine months

for a health service operation.

day health offensive, Mr Kin-

nock challenged John Major

to a televised debate on the subject. He called on the

prime minister to spell out the Tory "secret agenda" for the NHS, pointing out that the

health reforms had not even

been mentioned in the 1987

Mr Cook published what he called a "dossier" contain-ing letters from patients who

had been obliged to go pri-vate because they could not

obtain the treatment they

The shadow health secre-

tary said the election would

decide the future direction of

health - "whether that

health service continues

down the road marked priva-

tisation under the Conserva-

tives or is restored as a public

service under a Labour

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, hit back last night, stating that the privati-

sation claims were "complete

Virginia Bottomley, health

minister, challenged Mr

Cook in a letter over what she called "some of the most dis-

graceful scares with which

you have been associated and

which were subsequently proved unfounded".

Listing three "samples of

poppycock".

need on the health service.

Conservative government.

Health service

Labour uses

child actors to

stir emotions

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

practice. Labour sources de-

nied the broadcast was ex-ploitative and said: "We are

telling a story which is rele-vant to the lives of us all."

to Manchester: "At the last general election the Tories

never so much as mentioned

their programme for break-

ing up and privatising the NHS. They just got on with it once the election was out of the way. It is this record

which makes it imperative that Mr Major debates his party's policies and plans openly with me now."

John Major had been on a

small secret committee which

mercialisation" which went with it, said Mr Kinnock.

This time John Major, who

is seeking his first mandate

from the British people, must

be open with them." In reply,

Mr Major challenged Mr

Kinnock to say whether fund-

ing for the health service would be through increased borrowing or higher taxation.

detailed costings of its health manifesto amid Tory charges

that it cannot afford them.

Labour has already pledged an extra EI billion for the

health service over the next

22 months and said that the

ishing tax relief on private

health insurance would be

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spent on cancer services.

Today Labour will publish

drew up the reforms and the

Mr Kinnock said on a visit

that she will help the Tories and more than a third think she will

The election campaign so far has done little to change people's perceptions on which party has the best policies. Labour leads the Conservatives 52 to 22 on health care. 43 to 19 on unemployment, 39 to 25 on education and 45 to 23 on housing. The Conservatives lead Labour 46 to 19 on defence, 36 to 22 on law and order and 35 to 25

on Europe.

The Conservatives are down three points on health compared with last week, two points on law and order and education and one point on defence

The Liberal Democrats are proved to have been right to continue highlighting education, as they did again yesterday. Despite say-ing that they would actually raise taxes to boost education spending they win their best rating on education, with 15 per cent thinking they have the best policy. In campaign-ing hard against the "wasted vote" theory, they have been heartened to

Mori poli. Peter Riddell Diary Leading article and Letters . Women candidates.

Housing market, L&T section find their overall support increasing despite the other parties' expectations that they would be squeezed by now. When people were asked how they would vote if they thought the Liberal Democrats were likely to win in their constituency, 41 per cent opted for Paddy Ashdown's party to 29 per cent for the Conservatives and 28 per cent for Labour.

Life & Times_

Media, L&T section

Voting intention, according to Mori, is firming up. When the election was called 69 per cent said they were certain to vote. Last week it was down to 67 per cent but this week it is up to 72 per cent. In

cent. Mori asked several questions designed to test the impact of the Conservative campaign on Labour's taxation policies, which was the main feature of the first week's exchanges. More than half of those questioned (55 per cent) believe they will end up paying most tax under a Labour government to 23 per cent who say they would under the Tories. Two thirds of those questioned believe that government spending on public services would be highest under Labour and only 14 per cent that the Conservatives would spend more;

When people were asked what they thought the impact of Labour's tax and spending plans would be on them 35 per cent said would be bad and 26 per cent that it would be good. The verdict among C2s was 30 per cent good, 27 per cent bad. But when people were asked what they thought the impact would be on the average family, the verdict was more favourable. Nearly four in ten (38 per cent) thought it would be good

while only 31 per cent thought it would be bad. Asked what the effect would be on the well-off, more than two thirds believed the impact would be very or fairly bad, including 83 per cent of the ABs.

There is clear public distaste for the way the election is being conducted. When people were asked whether the election should be fought by the parties putting for-ward their own policies and per-sonalities or by pointing out what was wrong with others, 68 per cent called for accentuation of the positive and only 9 per cent for negative campaigning. When asked how they thought the campaign was actually being fought the result was virtually a mirror image. Just 12 per cent thought it was being fought positively and nearly two

thirds (62 per cent) thought it was being fought negatively.

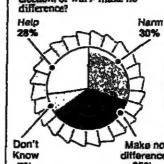
Mori interviewed a representa-tive quota sample of 1109 electors in 55 constituencies face to face on March 23. Data were weighted by gender, age, class and region.

• Mori/Times.

INFLUENTIAL ISSUES Q: How much will your vote be in-fluenced by the parties' policies on . . . ? Q: Which party has the best policy

Law and order

MRS THATCHER O Do you think that Mrs
Thatcher's entry into the
campaign will help or harm the
Conservatives' chances of reelection, or will it make no
difference?



POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe wiec'i

Sampling methods explain variations

The polls again appear to be, in John Major's words, "all over the place". Today's three polls all put Labour ahead, Mori in The Times by 3 percentage points, Harris for News at Ten by 4 points and ICM in The Guardian by 1 point. Yesterday's Harris Daily Express poll. conducted over the weekend, put the Conservatives 5 points ahead and an unpublished Audience Selection telephone poll, also done mainly over the weekend. reported a 2-point Conservative lead.

The chance outcome of sampling error? Probably. Harris's apparently contradictory polls are just about consistent with the plus or minus 3-point sampling error that needs to be applied to every standard poll. If the true state of public opinion is that the Conservatives and Labour are on 40 per cent each then a Cons 43, Lab 38 poil immediately followed by a Cons 38, Lab 42 poll are both within the error margin. It is easy to forget that the 3-point margin of error applies to only 19 out of 20 polls: the twen-tieth will be a "rogue". Yesterday's Harris/Express poll may well have been such a dud: it gave the Conservatives their largest lead and greatest support, at 43 per cent, in any poll published this year and was well out of line with recent trends.

But in The Observer Robert Waller of Harris offered a possible explana-tion for discrepancies be-tween polls. Polls carried out entirely in one day (as Mori's was), he argues, normally have to complete their interviewing by early evening in order to produce results for the next day. To fill their quota quickly, interviewers go to busy streets rather than people's homes to find respondents. They thus tend to over men who are unemployed or on short time, and to under-sample the elderly. That results in an over-esti-mate of Labour's vote at the expense of the Tories'.

That Harris's 4-point Labour lead is based on a two-day poll might be thought to have destroyed Mr Waller's hypothesis. Analysis of all 23 post-bud-get polls offers some support, however. Seven were undertaken in a single day. the other 16 over two or three days. The Labour vote tends to be 1 to 2 points higher and the Conservative I point lower in the single polls than in the multi-day polls. The average Labour lead in the single-day polls is 2.9 points, in the multi-day polls 0.8 points.

I always knew that Neil Kinnock belonged in the economic nursery. Now, God help us, we've got twins? Michael Heseltine on John Smith

It's their future, don't let it end in Labour broadcast on

health contrasting fate of two girls needing same operation and only one able to go private

Paddy Ashdown is looking a lot fitter than some of the journalists with him ? - BBC reporter

6 I would invite you and others not to listen to the politicians. There will be conflicting claims from politicians ?

- Bryan Gould delighted I will not be washing my hands for a week ?

- Gwen Lamb, a Teesside housewife after shaking hands with John Major

 No matter how perfect the job we do, at the end of the day it's partly science and

partly luck? Bob Wybrow of Gallap when asked if a poll giving Tories a 5 per cent lead was a rogue

The Conservatives frighten me, the Labour Party terrify me and the Liberal Democrats make me feel suicidal?

a voter talking to Mr Major

about clar mics pied

Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the Univer-

Kaufman emerges as Labour's man in grey suit — occasionally shown but never seen

Enough is enough: Douglas Hurd, visiting a nursery school in Tooting Bec, south London, to support the

local Conservative candidate, finds one voter of the future who has already heard too much electioneering

Come, friendly bombs,
and fall on Slough...
No bombs fell on Slough,
yesterday, but Gerald Kaufman dropped in. He spent
noon, in a gun-metal grey
suit, hitting selected targets
in the town. Earlier, he had
graced a Westminster press graced a Westminster press

the various misleading allegations", Mrs Bottomley wrote: Your whole strategy has been based on the principle that the more people you can frighten the better. You will not get away with frightening people in this cynical way. Your tactics will neither be forgiven nor forgotten." The Labour broadcast, which used children as ac-

tors, is set to a soulful song entitled Someone Really Loves You, and opened with the words: "The story of two girls with the same problem

— one can afford private treatment, the other can't." It ended with the message: "It's their future, don't let it end in

Although the girls in the film were actresses, the party said the situation was based on fact. Mr Cook told a London news conference that the broadcast was prompted by a letter from a father who explained that his daughter had been waiting 11 months for treatment for an operation for water on the ear. He who had carried out the oper-

conference.
In between, Glenys
Kinnock visited a bakery dressed head to toe in the fluorescent pink of a Teddy Boy's socks. Your sketch writer's day was therefore a sandwich, two grey slices of Kaufman, with a filling of cherry-coloured Glenys

And the garnish? A sprinkling of grated carrot. Rob-in Cook unveiled another unintelligible Labour poster, in a rainstorm and a hail of abuse from the Workers' Revolutionary Party, after five policeman had removed a confused black lady. Hey-

We started at 7.45am at a press conference on Labour's "computer skills initiative". Question arises why Mr Kaufman, who is Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, should have hosen this for his moment in the spotlight. The suspicion arises that, sensitive to the charge that Kaufman has been suppressed due to bad vibes, Labour must claim he has appeared somewhere, but do not wish



CAMPAIGN SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

him to appear anywhere Mr Kaufman came in to a

recorded fanfare of "Labour's theme", blinked, and sat down. All his colleagues had double-breasted jackets, though only Tony Blair had poked his rose through the lapel; but then Mr Blair was privately educated.

Two frightened-looking children were brought on as visual aids. I suppose for Labour's press conference on health they will bring a corpse. These youngsters, were, we were told, YTS trainees whose placements had been cancelled. They were not allowed to speak. But we could see them. Afterwards, a computer was carried on to the stage, and one of the kids established a computer link "with Gordon Brown" in Scotland.

Was it Gordon Brown? All the computer showed was a little geometric de-sign made of asterisks and the words "Good morning. it's Mike in Glasgow. "Good morning, it's Col-

The staying-on rate in South Korea is twice as high as Britain." "Where's Gordon Brown?" I asked.

"You can't see him." re-plied Mr Blair. "This isn't a television, you know. But he's with Mike." "How do I know?" "Telephone him".

Margaret Beckett left. Earlier, she had made a little speech about the needs of our economy for skilled trainees. This was followed by Mr Blair (employment spokesman) on Labour's plans to provide these. But what could Mr Kaufman talk about, poor thing? Attempting a seam-less movement from YTS to world statesmanship, he

spoke of training in the EC.
"Are you happy with the comparison between your-self and Douglas Hurd?" asked a rude journalist. "I'd be delighted to have a fullscale debate with him on prime-time TV," said Mr Kaufman. All his colleagues' brows furrowed. Minutes later they took him away for a "briefing with

the foreign press corps. This, they said, was closed to the British press corps. It may be that Mr Kaufman was simply locked in a room. It was only 8.15. He was not required in Slough until 11.

So I went to observe Mrs Kinnock and Mrs Beckett watching custard rolls being made at the South London Polytechnic. I'm afraid Mrs Beckett

was completely upstaged. Glenys hardly spoke, she just was, in violent powerpadded pink. Like a silent movie without a stage pianist, she swanned through the catering faculty. She squirted custard dollops on to little pastry stars; she placed maraschino cherries on to cakes and she inspected mixing machines. The photographers loved it.
"Mrs Kinnock, could you just smile for me."

Only once did she utter publicly: an uncontroversial remark, but made with marvellous assurance. It was as she entered the bread kitchen. "I can smell it," she

But I had to go, haunted by the thought that they were imprisoning Mr Kaufman and forcing him to make the shortest public appearances, claiming that he is all right. I reached the Labour HQ in Slough in time for his advertised 11.00 appearance. No Geraldo. That was a mistake." said the Labour candidate. Eddie Lopez, whose moustache resembles that of a rather sensitive minor bandido. "He's not due until 12.00". At 12.00 I found him.

They had taken him to a warehouse and office on a small industrial estate on the fringes of Slough, to meet "ten small business people who will be voting Labour". I counted seven, but two were of normal height. He was there for a quarter of an hour. The venue had been chosen to repel the press — successfully.

A fter Slough, and hunch, he was being taken to Heathrow and flown to his constituency in Man-chester. "He will be canvassing," his assistant told me. Any speeches tonight?
"He will be canvassing tonight." Tomorrow? "He will be canvassing."
The taxi driver taking me

back to Slough station was Asian. "I do not think many eople in Slough will be see ng him today," he said. They have not taken him to the High Street." He thought Mr Kaufman might put voters off. "They really shouldn't be putting him on television;" he said, "I think it's something to do

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Liberal Democrats

Minimum wage is rejected by Ashdown

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown said yesterday that he would not support the introduction of a minimum wage by a Labour government because of its likely effect on unemployment. Adding another condition to the Liberal Democrats' terms in a hung parliament he said: "It would add an extra rigidity at such a time that we need more flexibility in the labour market."

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Property. 8 5 Jun He also sought to justify the flow of new terms and conditions for his party's support. He told journalists in Yeovil: "If there is going to be such an outcome, the public have a right to know what our negotiating stance is going to be and how we will use our for "give and take" on the list of conditions, except for PR,

The party will launch an initiative on the environment this week before the Ashdown campaign team embarks on a day trip to northern France on Sunday to highlight its European credentials.

Tomorrow Mr Ashdown will explain to Scottish voters why he is prepared to bring down a Labour government committed to setting up a Scottish parliament. With the agreement of his Scottish coleagues, he will make clear that the party would sink a Labour government, and the chance of a Scottish assembly, unless PR for Westminster was introduced, and even though that might bring in a Tory government opposed to devolution.

Sensitivity within the party's ranks about the high risk strategy goes some way to explain why Mr Ashdown is making only a fleeting visit north of the border this week, although ten of the party's 22 MPs in the last parliament

represented Scottish seats.
The official explanation is the "safety" of the seats and the lack of winnable constituencies, with the exception of Edinburgh West. Howev Nicol Stephen faces a tough fight to hold on to Kincardine and Deeside, which he took from the Tories in a by-election, and seats such as North East Fife, held by Menzies Campbell, are exceedingly vulnerable

The Scottish question adds to the illusion of Mr Ashdown juggling with his terms for supporting John Major or Neil Kinnock in government while the campaign rages

The precondition, what he calls the key that turns the lock, is PR for Westminster. A royal commission on electoral and constitutional reform; enhanced status for Professor Raymond Plant's committee on PR, or PR for other assemblies, would not be enough to open that door to negotiations, he has said in recent

Open to debate, however, are the policies "on the table" as he puts it, and also who else

His list of declared terms so far during the campaign are: PR for the House of Com-mons; massive investment in education; a long term rather than short term economic programme; no minimum wage: a change to Labour's tax plans for a 49 per cent rate on those earning more than £27,000 a year and abolition of the Tories' 20p lower

independent bank; no Ulster Unionist support for a Tory government: at least one seat at the Cabinet table; a "sensible" defence policy; and a constructive approach to

There appears to be room for maneouvre on most of these priorities, including his commitment to a big invest-ment in education. Labour is devoted to pre-school educa-tion, school repairs and increasing student numbers

Mr Ashdown wants to raise the basic rates of income tax by 1p to 26p in the pound to pay for that investment, but has hedged that commitment by making clear that he would look at the resources available to an incoming government



Media message: Glenys Kinnock getting an earful of advice from her daughter Rachel when she visited the Hounslow borough college where Miss Kinnock is studying for a diploma in media skills. The Labour leader's wife campaigned for Ann Keen, the party candidate

Students give vote to apathy

BY ALISON ROBERTS

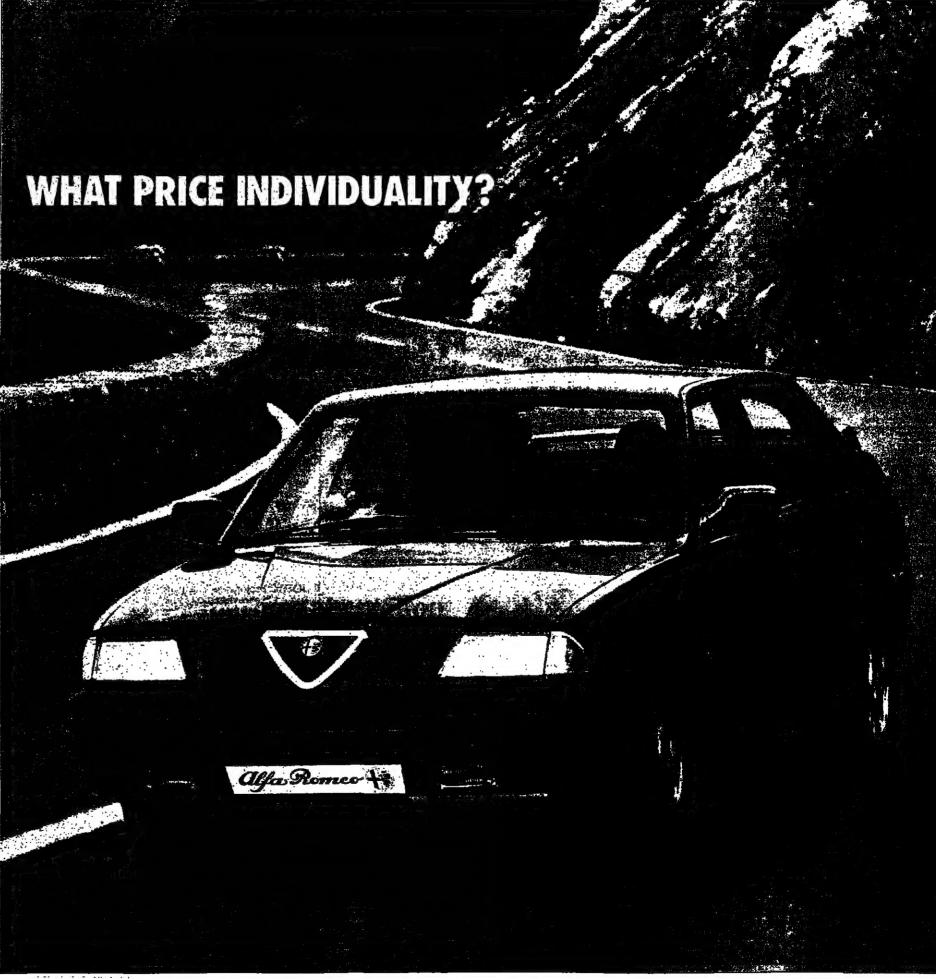
STUDENTS are apathetic floating voters, according to universities of Bristol, Cambridge, Durham and Edinburgh. Over a quarter of those questioned had not decided how to vote or were not intending to vote.

Cambridge students were the most politically commit-ted, giving Labour a clear majority, at 36 per cent, with the Conservatives second on 23 per cent. The Liberal Democrats were on 18 per cent, with 18 per cent unde-cided or not intending to vote.

The poll was conducted among 1,255 students from every university site by Varsi-ty, the university newspaper.

The Bristol poll, by the student paper Epigram, with a sample of 700, gave the Tories a ten-point lead over Labour and a nine-point lead over the Lib Dems. But second, just a point behind the Tories were the "Don't

knows", on 28 per cent. The Edinburgh poll gave Labour a small lead over the "Don't knows". In Durham, the "Undecideds" came top. with the Tories second.



Labour clarifies policy pledges

IABOUR yesterday swiftly backtracked from a pledge in its manufacturing manifesto that anyone unem-ployed would be guaran-teed the offer of job experience or training within six months of losing their job. Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, made plain at the party's daily London press confer-ence that the commitment remained an objective

rather than a guarantee.
The commitment was one of two policy areas that Labour was obliged to clarify yesterday. John Smith, the shadow chan-cellor, denied that Labour had plans to introduce mortgage rationing after remarks by Neil Kinnock on Monday.

Mr Kinnock had said: "People could rather get a mortgage that they can aff-ord after waiting a month or two longer because credit controls are operating than getting a mort-gage they cannot afford on request." Mr Smith said the suggestion of mortage queues was a fantasy. Mr Blair acted to clear

up confusion over the jobs issue by emphasising that the position was as set out in Labour's official manifesto, published last week. That said: "Our aim is to ensure that anyone unemployed for more than six months has a choice of job experience or training.

The manufacturing manifesto, published by Neil Kinnock and Gordon Brown in Birmingham on Monday, went much further. It said: "We will end long-term unemployment. By reforming the employment service we will prevent long-term unemployment happening - rather than just trying to cure it." Then it added: "We will ensure that each unemployed person is guar-anteed the offer of a job or training place within 12 months. During the lifetime of a parliament we will reduce this to six

Mr Blair was asked yesterday if the aim had been hardened into a promise.

Philip Webster and Jill Sherman report on Labour's stance

over training and credit control

He replied that the position was set out in the manifesto last week. This had made clear it was the "objective" over the life-time of a parliament to ensure that the long-term unemployed got access to decent training and job ex-perience. "That remains our commitment. We be-lieve it is entirely feasible," he said.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said in a letter to Mr Blair. "If this guarantee is only an objective you must make an apology for delib-erately misleading the public and pulp all the copies of your manufactur-ing manifesto, which will be reduced to nothing be reduced to nothing more than just another work of fiction."

In setting out a bine-print for industry for the 1990s to sustain recovery in the long term yesterday, Mr Kinnock described to industrialists in Manchester his philosophy for boosting British enterprise by a combination of tough monetary and supply-side policies. He made clear that a Labour government would be enabling rather than interventionist, applying credit management only to avoid ex-

cessive interest rates. He clearly blamed financial deregulation in the 1980s, which had led to a credit boom, for many of the economic problems that Britain was now facing. Elaborating on his plans for credit management, he said: "We need new measures of credit management to prevent the excesses of a debt-financed boom followed by the high interest rates and credit-crunch misery which has characterised the last decade."

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Unionists list their aims as hung parliament speculation mounts

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Wales does. There should be a way

of giving them (the minorities) a place in the sun in the running of

their own particular patch while still recognising the integrity of

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clearly defined union is also



Molyneaux: has ruled out a formal coalition

The Ulster Unionist party, at the centre of speculation that it may become involved in supporting the next government, launched its manifesto yesterday. beginning with a long list of requirements on the constitutional

question. The party had nine MPs, all of whom are expected to be re-elected. In any post-election bartering it is expected to act with lan Paisley's Democratic Unionist party, which has three safe seats. James Molyneaux, the UUP leader, has ruled out a formal coalition with one of the main parties at Westminster but has indicated that his party has made its objectives known and will decide whether to back a minority government "issue by issue".

The manifesto accords pride of place to Mr Molyneaux's determination that Uister will benefit from the debate on Scottish devolution and independence. He believes this is Northern Ireland's The Ulster Unionist party's election manifesto gives pride of place to the constitutional question, Edward Gorman writes

best opportunity to move away from the search for complex power-sharing structures in Belfast and once again to come into line with the rest of the kingdom.

He believes that the Scottish debate will lead to a measure of limited administrative devolution for all regions of the United Kingdom regardless of the political complexion of the next government. The manifesto warns a future prime minister. "We cannot accept as stable any system of governance which could not equally be applied to any other regional entity within the UK."

A called for. The manifesto says that it must be "manifestly sub-Mr Molyneaux said yesterday stantiated" that citizens of Norththat this almost Powellite form of ern Ireland are citizens of the UK with all the rights and obligations integration would prove acceptable to the nationalist SDLP and accorded to subjects in the three the government of the republic. "I other nations. The document calls

on the government to launch a campaign to persuade the Irish Republic to abandon articles 2 and 3 of its constitution, which claim sovereignty over Northern Ireland, and calls for a bill of rights to apply throughout the

Surprisingly low down the list comes the perennial problem of the Anglo-Irish agreement. "Ulster Unionists require the removal of the present discredited Anglo-Irish agreement, which has negated progress towards peace and stability, and its replacement by a wider British-Irish agreement which would take the totality of relationships in these islands into

account," the document says.
Improvement of procedures at Westminster for the government of the province, including the end of orders in council and the establishment of a select committee, are also called for.

On security, the document does not mention explicitly the party's preference for internment, advo-cated unceasingly by Ken Maginnis, the security spokesman, but says its MPs will "press the next government to define a proper strategy for dismantling the senior command and control structures of paramilitary groupings".

obs will also be on the agenda J in a province where unemployment averages 14 per cent, as well as measures to alleviate the pressures on the business community caused by bombings.

Mr Molyneaux and his col-

leagues are playing a low-key game. They know that if they are seen to be asking for too much their chances of being involved after the election will diminish. Some of them are willing to admit that many of the items on their list of requirements may well be unattainable. They also believe, however, that an opportunity to make gains which, in UK terms might seem modest, but to them would

be of great significance could be at

☐ Lib Dem objection: Paddy Ashdown yesterday ruled out Liberal Democrat support for a minority Tory government if it depended on Ulster Unionist MPs

(Sheila Gunn writes). In a rare display of anger, the Liberal Democrat leader said he found it impossible to accept that a man such as John Major could contemplate putting the peace of Northern Ireland at risk in exchange for holding on to power.

When questioned, he also dismissed the prospect of sitting around the same table as the Ulster Unionist MPs under a minority Tory government. "I can see no way I could be any part of any government that depended on Ulster Unionist votes," he said. Liberal Democrat MPs in the next parliament would also unquestionably vote against a govern-ment that looked to the Unionists to retain power.

SNP challenge

Farmers hold key to humiliation of Lang

By KERRY GILL

MATT Brown sketched out a campaign map of Galloway and Upper Nithsdale showing the strengths and weaksses of the Tories and the Scottish National Party as if he were General Patton preparing a tank assault. Only Mr Brown might be a little more confident

Galloway and Upper Nithsdale must be one of the most attractive constituencies in Britain, stretching from the mellow coves by Solway Firth, up through the forest of Gientrooi, over the wild land-scape on which Buchan's Richard Hannay was hunted in The Thirty-Nine Steps, to the old mining villages of Sanguhar and Kirkconnel.

One could easily believe this was the safest Tory seat in Scotland. But the Scottish Conservatives could suffer their most humiliating defeat here. The nationalists have chosen Mr Brown to fight Ian Lang, Scottish secretary. whom they deride as "Scot-land's colonial governor".

Reading the runes in such a diverse constituency, which ranges from the rich Tory heartlands of Stewartry to the

unemployment wastes of Up-per Nithsdale, was once fraught with pitfalls. Gallo-way was held by the nationalists during the late Seventies but fell to Mr Lang in 1979. Five years ago he held on to this largely farming constituency by 3,673 votes in spite of a reinvigorated SNP. Next month those same farmers will hold the key to Mr Lang's

future as Scottish secretary and things are not looking good. The augurs predict a nationalist victory.

The periodical Big Farm
Weekly articulated this month the growing disen-chantment of local farmers

with the Tories in general and

Mr Lang in particular. Mr Brown, campaigning in the village of Glenkuce last night, was confident of victory. According to polls, offi-cial and private, the SNP has more than achieved the necessary swing, 4.5 per cent, to oust Mr Lang. Mr Brown, a west coast lawyer, attacked what he called Mr Lang's lack of genuine interest in his

The Tories point to the number of new small busi-

nesses created in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, to the recent upgrading of the A75 trunk route to Strangaer and by-passes that will increase trade with Northern Ireland and save Strangaer from further job losses. Ian Mackie. the Tory agent, is confident that if the Conservative voters are encouraged to the poll stations on April 9. Mr Lang will see off the SNP.

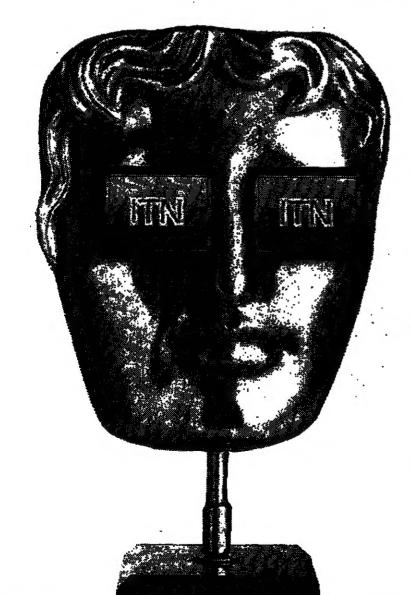
Nobody doubts that it will be a two-horse race. Third lace is likely to go to John McKerchar, the Liberal Democrat, who wants a longterm promotion of Galloway. John Dowson, Labour's man, arrived late, having replaced a candidate who dropped out ecause of pressure of work. Mr Dowson is concentrating on the benefits that Labour could bring to the areas of poor employment such as Up-per Nithsdale and Newton Stewart. Unemployment, however, has fallen within the constituency as a whole.

1987 general election results: LB. Lang (Con) 16,592; S.F. Norris (SNP) 12,919; J. McKercher (L/All) 6,001; J. Gray (Lab) 5,298; D. Kenny (Ref'd) 230.



Roles reversed? Matt Brown, SNP candidate at Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, gets a kiss from a constituent's dog and perhaps a vote from its owner. Mr Brown is fighting the Scottish secretary Ian Lang to get back a seat that the nationalists lost to the Tories in 1979

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Major heads north

Flair for the one-liner sharpens campaign act

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

JOHN Major was sharpenheaded north in his quest for the C2 vote, which supposedly holds the key to the out-

He warmed up on the ABs at his morning press conference in London, displaying a hitherto unrecognised talent for the one-liner. Had the government made any significant mistakes over the past years, one questioner asked. "The politician who didn't make mistakes is never a politician and the politician who admitted them to you wouldn't be a politician," the

Not bad for the dawn parrol. But there was better to come. Another AB wanted to know if collectively ditching Mrs Thatcher had made for better relations with Jacques Delors. Mr Major instantly summoned up a chorus of praise for his predecessor. "We collectively knew very well how much this country has owed Margaret Thatcher for the last 12 years. When history looks back on the

years she was prime minister, I believe history will look back very kindly. They were the years of very great achievement."

Mr Major then risked another walkabout, this time in a small market town in Cleveland near the North Yorkshire boundary. Tim Devlin is battling to hold on to his narrow 774 majority in Stockton South, and to the astonishment of the shoppers in Yarm, the prime minister just happened to drop by to

Mr Major's encounter with the public in Bolton last week ended in a disturbance. This time the only skinhead in sight wanted Mr Major's autograph - on his helmet and the only ugly scenes were among the media battling to keep pace with the prime

But for all the jollity, the C2 vote was still proving chusive. Sean Butler, aged 28, explained that in spite of Mr Major's civility he would not be voting for him. Mr Butler has been working on the flood defences on the Tees, which surrounds the town, but will be out of his £250-a-week job on Friday.

His colleague, David Bradshaw, aged 30, also faced losing his job, but his comments suggested that Mr Major's warning in Sheffield the previous night about the spectre of unrestrained union power under a Kinnock government was hitting home. Mr Bradshaw pledged his support for the Tories, saying: "Kinnock's going back to the old ways. He's bringing back

A beaming Mr Major clearly enjoyed his stroll in the spring sunshine of Yarm with its quaint teashops, cobble stones and ancient town hall. "It's glorious, isn't it? What a tion." The new flair for the one-liner was never too far from the surface. As office workers crowded at their windows, one young woman in-vited Mr Major up for a cup of coffee. "That's the best offer I've had in a long time,"

Doubters shunted into sidings

MARGARET Thatcher rode serenely down half a mile of privatised railway yesterday on the footplate of a steam engine. As journalists hunted for political metaphors near the station platform where Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson held their Brief Encounter, the manager of the Steam Town Railway Centre at Carnforth, Lancashire, assured them there were no buffers to hit, no possibility of running out of steam and no end of the line.

"But you came in back-wards, Mrs Thatcher — does that mean you are not for turning?" one reporter enquired as the former prime minister's train returned to its platform. "What a good idea, what a good thought."

Mrs Thatcher was campaigning in support of Mark driving. I am helping and I message gets home."

Margaret Thatcher's trip on a steam train footplate left her press pursuers out of puff, Ronald Faux writes

Lennox-Boyd, Tory candidate for Morecambe and Lunesdale, and she waxed lyrical about steam engines. My generation understands the steam engine and the power of the thing and the experience of an express when it goes through a station without stopping," she enthused. Many were made in her home town of Grantham, and she recalled watching them being built. Was she a driver? Yes, but not of trains. Some would say you are driving the cam-paign? "I would not say I am

hope very effectively." Mrs Thatcher replied. Why should people in Carnforth vote Tory? a local reporter flung in, and it was hard to tell whether steam was rising from Mrs Thatcher or the Stanier 8F 4-6-0 locomotive that was simmering behind her. Why? Because of every-thing the government had done for Britain in raising the standards of living of all the people, Mrs Thatcher

Labour, she added, had an abysmal record. "People got into decline and they got used to decline and the trade unions ran the country with terrible strikes. That was their record in practice and that is how you should judge their words now. We released the enterprise of these remarkable people. I hope the

Scottish Tories

Thatcher gets more daffodils

By PAUL WILKINSON

SCOTLAND'S beleaguered Tories took a calculated risk yesterday and invited Margaret Thatcher on a whistle-stop tour of three Conservative

Mrs Thatcher, who, while prime minister, was probably the member of the Tory lead ership most disliked by Scots. opened her visit by saying that she had come north

because I care". There were no walkabouts during her nine-hour tour of the seats of Edinburgh West, Tayside North and Stirling. There were, however, daffodils. Not over her head, as happened when she mer the public in Stockport on Monday, but in a posy from a party worker in Edinburgh,

where the tour began. "Mrs Thatcher's popularity has changed in Scotland since she went from power." said Brian Townsend, assistant to Bill Walker, who is defending a 5,000 majority in Tayside North against a strong Scottish National Party candidate. "Attitudes have softened and people are beginning to understand what she was talking about. Anyway, it's a great boost for party morale to see her here."

Mrs Thatcher began with a hunch given in Edinburgh by Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, defending a 1,234 majority in Edinburgh West. The hotel chosen was away from public gaze, on a main road leading to the Forth Bridge. The police kept the few sightseers well away, and it was only campaign workers who raised a straggling cheer as Mrs Thatcher's motorcade

Asked by reporters about Scottish independence, Mrs Thatcher said: "It's very, very easy to talk about these things, but, when you actually come to consider it, you don't want to destroy the work of centuries in a moment."

In the Tayside market town of Blairgowrie, where Mrs Thatcher had a meeting with Tory workers, several hun-dred onlookers gave her a Party press conferences

'Missing' Kaufman returns to the hustings limelight

PARTIES are sensitive things at election times. Yesterray, The Times drew attention to the mysterious abence of Gerald Kaufman, the hadow foreign secretary, from Labour platforms. But who the press trooped in for Labur's morning press con-ference on training and em-ployment lo and behold there was Mr Kaufman, blinking in ne unexpected limelight ancall primed up with some instituty forgettable statistics on he training scene in Spain ancPortugal. We have saved hirrfor the nation.

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Europe

Owen tells parties to end EC 'flannel'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

DAVID Owen accused Labout and the Tories of "flamelling" over the issue of a usted states of Europe yesterny, and said he had not yet decided which way he woud be voting on April 9.

I his only scheduled spech of the election campain, the former leader of the Social Democratic party sait in London: "There appearto be no tune to march to. no ongs to sing in this electior It is an election about perentages, fractions and C2:

The former Labour foreign secretary said that Europe shold be given more prominene in the election cam-"Any broad-based polical party will have many diffrent views within it about the European Community, but it an election people are entiled to know what is the dominant view. Where does a Labur government or continung Conservative governmer stand on ceding more povers to the European

D Owen, who is not standing for re-election in his Phyrouth Devonport constituene, was addressing MPs from throughout eastern and wesern Europe at The Future of Europe annual conference. He told them that he wasumong the third of voters whohad yet to decide which

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wavo vote. H repeated his opposition to afederal Europe but acceptd that "a single mone-tary policy might make sens" with a wholly independenbank. He pressed for an immediate enlargement, incorprating Poland, Hunga-

ry ad Czechoslavakia. Erlier, Peter Shore, a formerLabour cabinet minister, tolda French delegate who askd what changes in British attindes to the EC could be expeted from a Labour governnent: "Labour is being just as collaborationist with the 3C in its most extravaganambitions as the Conservatie and Liberal Democrat

M Shore, a long-standing opponent of a federal Europe, called for the Community to exted a "firm promise" of merbership to eastern Europear states on condition that

theyretain democracy. H: said that most people in Eurpe did not want a federal Eurpe. Pressure for federalfication of Germany.

loosed upon them, are secretly praying for a good foreign affairs crisis, not only to raise Mr Kaufman's profile but also to do the same for Douglas Hurd, whose magisterial authority is seen as a potent vote-winner. Yesterday, they wheeled him on anyway. making foreign affairs their theme of the day. Whether it was altogether

wise, given the present state of the Tory campaign, to pose Mr Major in front of a back wall slogan ending ..."in a troubled world" Saatchi and Saatchi's well paid profesplate. But Mr Hurd and Mr Major strutted their stuff, re-minding us all of the battles they had fought through the Kuwaiti desert and across the

dinner tables of Maastricht. Mr Hurd said: "We have won respect for our coher-ence, consistency and stead-fastness. The world is in flux, uncertain and dangerous. The international agenda has rarely been busier. Our interests are at stake. We need a pilot, with experience and weight to chart our course at this critical time."

Labour, he said, was led by people who had based their political rise on antipathy to Europe. But having once seen nothing right with the Community, they now saw nothing wrong. They seem to have moved from total oppo-

sition to total subservience."

After his stutter on tax the previous day, the prime min-ister, a fast learner at the election game, was fluent and in command. Asked what mistakes he had made in politics, he swiftly declined the invitation to breast-beat. saying: The politician who didn't make mistakes was never a politician and the politician who admitted them wouldn't be a politician

He is, however, picking up one Kinnockian habit. His reply to a question whether he was after the Euro-sceptic vote took three minutes twen-

Mr Major challenged Mr Kinnock over credit controls, saving that Labour was "reverting to type" by proposing them. "It is the old answer: form a queue, wait, let the can have, when you can have it and how much you can have. We need a clear and concise statement of what it means and who it will affect," he said. He wanted an answer too to the letter he had sent to Neil Kinnock asking if he challenged any item in the Tories £38 billion costing of Labour's programme. This election is full of unrequited correspondents. Over at Labour's headquarters, John Smith complained that he was still waiting for Mr Ma-jor's answer to his letter chal-lenging the prime minister's claim that the tax burden had

remained broadly flat under

the Tories. Labour concentrated on its programme for boosting employment with better training. Once again it was the solidity of Mr Smith on view, alongside the crisp diction of Margaret Beckett, arching her eyebrows at any imperti nent question like a duchess who has spotted a crust on the cucumber sandwiches.

Britain's main competitors had discovered the need for training a long time ago, she said, and had profited from it. "Our commitment to training is clear and unequivocal.
We believe that government must form a partnership with industry, to encourage and provide a suitable framework for which industry has been

As usual it was slick, profes sional and ruthlessly stage managed. Labour was not risking any problems like those suffered the day before by Mr Major. Any journalist who tried a supplementary was verbally karate-chopped by Dr Jack Cunningham, the

campaign director.
At the Liberal Democrat
press conference Paddy Ashdown once again highlighted
education. Mr Ashdown said anyone who says they will never raise taxes is either a fool or a fiddler". Once again he pledged to raise taxes to pay for more education. There are advantages in playing the high moral line when nobody believes you will be in a position to add to their tax bills.

Mr Ashdown, travelling three times as much as the other party leaders, denied claims that he was getting tited and accused his oppo-nents of a "whispering cam-paign" against him he said that the idea that his was somehow a more presidential campaign than the other two parties' was ludicrous.

Questioned about stories that the Conservatives would seek to form a coalition with Ulster Unionists if the election produced a hung parliament, the Lib Dem leader said: "I can see no way that I would be part of a govern-ment that depends on Ulster Unionist votes." That might, of course, be one reason why the Tories were trying the Northern Ireland tack.

Refuge offered by minority channels

TV viewers risk poll coverage overdose

ast night at about 11.30 the sated electorate might have thought it was safe to turn from the wearying debate about which party wants more of our tax money to the calm and cul-tured shores of *The Late Show* on BBC2.

Alas, this election is everywhere. Just in case the gap between the end of Newsnight on the same channel and the start of Midnight Special on Chan-nel 4 prover, at ten minutes, to be unbcarably long, The Late Show decided to give us a fix: a tri-party debate on arts policy after the election. That was but the latest

example of programmers finding ways to demonstrate their political virility, although *The Late Show* was mercifully devoid of opinion polls and Peter Snow graphics.

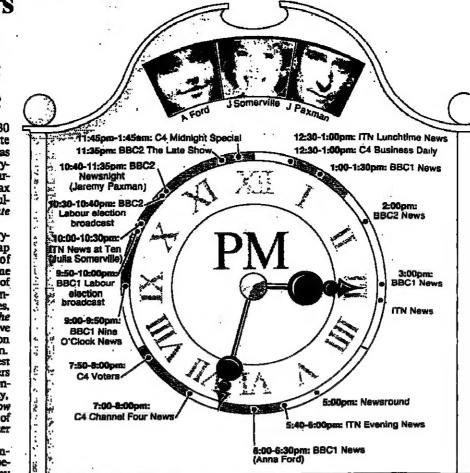
During election cam-paigns, the television set be-comes an enemy that many people claim to be avoiding at all costs. News bulletins nothing but the election, although in truth the bulle-tins have merely been

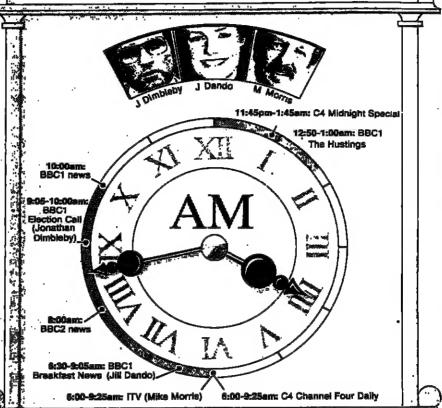
Television has brought on itself the preception that it is obsessed with the election by taking the decision to concentrate so much of its coverage almost exclusively on its main channels. BBC1 and ITV. Both channels could mount a strong case for shunting most of the election on to BBC2 and Channel 4, the contest being the political equivalent of football's World Cup. One match on the main channel may be justifiable, but a whole tournament surely needs to be spread around the dial so as not to alienate the medium's main

Yet the minority channels have instead become a refuge for the election-weary, especially in peak hours, and there is tentative evidence that BBC2 and Channel 4 have benefited by gaining bigger audiences. BBCI's main problem is

what the election coverage may be doing to its final peak-time slot of the evening, usually at 9.30. This has been pushed back by nearly half an hour because The Nine O'Clock News now runs to 50 minutes, plus time for the weather forecast and regional bulleting

Last night that was a less significant problem than on some other nights, especially Mondays when Panora-





glance at the chart shows that between 7pm last night and 1.45 this morning there was only one hour that was devoid of election

material. The avoidance of politicians after 9pm is not as hard as it appears, with three of the four channels election-free until 10pm, but the hour is dominated by the BBC1 news and there is no use switching to ITV

looming). Channel 4, the normal refuge for besieged minorities, is surprisingly active on the election, al-though its coverage comes in long chunks, notably early morning and late at

Thannel Four Daily runs for nearly three hours, the 7pm news is an hour and Midnight Special, Vincent Hanna's insomniac

election forum, lasts two hours. Based on the time between 6am yesterday and the early hours of this morning, and including programmes that were only partly about the election. the four terrestrial channels had 19 hours 50 minutes of election-contaminated

broadcasting. Avoidance was hardest on BBC1 (345 minutes), least hard on BBC2 (85 minutes). But easy it wasn't.

Soldiers destroy lens 'bomb'

A suspicious package blown up by army bomb disposal experts near a hotel Margaret Thatcher was due to visit on a campaign trip turned out to be a carnera lens. The package was found near the Barnton Thistle hotel in Edinburgh about 30 minutes before she arrived.

The telephoto lens inside had been left in the hotel foyer by a courier.

£10,000 placed on Tories

A man from Hong Kong has staked £10,000 on the Conservatives being the largest single party and winning the election with a clear overall majority. Bookmakers William Hill said that it was the largest bet it had taken on the stood to win £21,000 if both forecasts came off. Mean-while, it has cut the odds on the Conservatives to win with a clear overall majority from 5-2 to 9-4 and makes the Tories 5-6 joint favourites with Labour to become the largest single party.

Tribunal appeal

Pat Phillips, the former agent who left her job at Winchester Conservative Association this month, is taking the local party to an industrial tribunal alleging constructive dismiss-al. She has been in dispute with the association after an article by John Browne, the de-selected member, ap-peared in an official leaflet.

Sutch confusion

Screaming Lord Suich, leader of the Official Monster Raving Loony Alliance party, is fighting Paddy Ashdown's seat of Yeovil. He is also standing against John Major in Huntingdon, His nomina-tion at Yeovil adds to a confusing choice for voters as contenders also include the Monster Raving Green Giant party represented by Patrick Ashdown.

Party 'flawed'

The former MP Michael rebel Liberal party which would not accept merger with the SDP, said yesterday that Liberal Democrats were virtually indistinguishable from Labour or the Tories. Mr Leeds West, said that Paddy Ashdown's party "remains fatally flawed in principle and

Czech mates

Thirty members of Czechoslo-vakia's Green party are in Britain helping their counter-parts in the election. They are canvassing and attending press conferences. There are elections in the former communist bloc country later this

The second second

Child's support: Heath and Natasha Kaprovana

Thatcher 'aberration' behind us, says Heath

By Alan Hamilton

IT IS mildly upsetting when you are the otherwise unas-Old Bexley and Sideup, popping in at a swimming pool to press flesh where wholesale quantities of it are on offer, and a woman leaps out of the water and introduces herself as Mrs Thatcher.

But this is Valerie Thatcher, seventy-something, a lifelong voter and fan. She grips a jelloid palm with her wet one, then puts on her

Mr Heath also meets a somewhat younger supporter, Natasha Kapranova, a two-year-old Russian girl in Britain for treatment of a rare skin disease, before taking a lunchtime break in a pub. With a 16.274 majority last

time, he has every prospect of returning as Father of the House, the sole remnant of the 1950 election. Asked whether, as a former prime minister, he would want an earldom, Mr Heath says: The House of Lords is a delightful place, but it and I have nothing in common. I am happy to remain in har-ness. I have a lot of writing to do, and speeches to make in the House.'

Mr Heath said the Tories have an awful legacy to live down. "I want to make sure now that we carry through Conservative policies. It is established now that Thatcherism was an aberration. It is over, and we have to follow policies that are Conservative policies."

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Tired arty-political show staggers on its boring way

LIJE characters in a stage play vie/s. Tim Renton, the arts minister, an the pretenders who covet his thone offered few novel interpretatios to their play scripts when they me yesterday to open a debate on thepost-election future of the arts. It wa certainly not a dialogue that a drana tutor would have bothered

Pobably the most eloquent but unonventional (an arty, critic's word for vhacky) contribution came from Stehen Games, an arts journalist turied arts spokesman for the Green pary. He at least managed to introdue the most foreign names and phrses in his pitch to the small audence, gathered together at Quen Elizabeth Hall, London, by the Vational Campaign for the Arts.

Ie also told them to remember tha great art has often blossomed in the oddest circumstances, often in themiddle of anguish, catastrophe and war, although he was quick to

unscripted but over-rehearsed performance by a stale quartet of would-be arts ministers

Joe Joseph reviews, rather unfavourably, an

reassure the audience: "This does not mean that a Green government would want to launch a war to get a Guernica or a Siegfried Sassoon out

Mr Games added that he and his colleagues "want to see critically in-teractive audiences", which sounds faintly painful, and he explained that healthy arts are produced by healthy societies, such as those that flour-ished in ancient Greece, although he did not make clear in exactly which sense ancient Greece might be considered healthy.

The Green arts manifesto gave Mr Renton plenty of opportunity to play with his side-of-the-mouth smirk. If you were unable to hear Mr Renton while he spoke, you might think he

was delivering a string of witty one-liners. Of course, when the microones are switched on, you realise he isn't. He was saying how there had been "three years of record increases in arts funding" with promises of more jam from government funding, the Millenium Fund and from a new national lottery, although he strained for a laugh by concluding "I believe that in the next century, Culture and Conservatives will become bywords

Well, that at least raised a guffaw-cum-yelp from Mark Bonham Carter. who always speaks as though he is delivering the headmaster's speech on Parents' Day. Lord Bonham-Carter, the Liberal Democrats' arts man, told the meeting that "the arts could

actually do with some money thrown at them . . . we spend 0.14 per cent of our GDP on the arts," compared to 0.24, on average, in Europe. He also said that the destruction of the the BBC was "in the sights of the Conservatives."

Mark Fisher, who talks animatedly, like a television news anchorman who is telling viewers that war has just broken out in Europe and who is relaying details as they come through his earpiece, disagreed with everything Mr Renton said. This is the iob of a cultured Labour shadow arts minister, giving voters a tasteful black-and-white choice.

But then he confused us all by announcing that: "There are actually holes in the roof of the Tate Gallery." leaving everyone in the hall unsure whether this was a Bad Conservative Thing or the sort of inventive art that we would see more of under a Labour

This tired show has only a couple of more weeks to run.

New leader hails end of Albania's isolation in Europe



Berisha: intellectual

SALI Berisha, Albania's new leader, is rich in the sort of contradictions in which the country excels: a heart surgeon in a society notorious for its primitive health care, a pro-market democrat who was a long-time Communist party member, a shy intellectual turned rousing dema-

With his Democratic party's sweeping victory in Sunday's elections, Albania has shaken off the legacy of isolationist communism. Dr Berisha is determined that Albania will perceive his triumph as the chance for a new start and that Europe will finally take notice of him and

Turning to the European dignitaries gathered beside him at his celebration rally yesterday he inclined his head graciously. "Hello Europe," he said. "I hope we find you

The message from the top is one of self-reliance to build recovery and investment rather than handouts, Anne McElvoy writes from Tirana

well." There is a refreshing dignity about this man in a country whose traditional pride is injured by living on European Community handouts. His message is that Albania does not want a future of dependency on aid but investment to let it build its OWN recovery.

His success is a tribute to having bridged the gap between voters in the town and country. He is a product of both. Born in the impoverished rural region of Tropoje in the far north of the country. he studied medicine at Tirana University, performed brilliantly and specialised in car-

diology. Albania, under its brutal dictator Enver Hoxha. was a bewildering mixture of feudal backwardness and boastful communist advancement. It practised heart operations and produced nuclear physicists and water engineers of international stand-

structure underdeveloped. The vainglorious policy did. however, produce a small class of highly educated intellectuals - a pool out of which the opposition began to form in 1990. Dr Berisha speaks fluent French and English, and was allowed the

ing while its people remained

malnourished and its infra-

rare privilege of leaving the strate for pluralism in De-country to learn new operating techniques in France in

Like almost all Albanians in senior positions, he was an active party member and even performed operations on the old elite. But he seems to have kept his hands clean of any of the regime's nastier business while not endangering his own future by active He sought fulfilment in-

stead in academic endeavour and awoke to the possibility of change only in early 1990, inspired by the toppling of other regimes in the east. He wrote a critical article for the writers' newspaper about the lack of progress in the country and defended it when called in for a lecture by President

When Tirana's students took to the streets to demon-

and his ally, Gramoz Pashko, joined them. The movement swelled quickly, President Alia gave way and the Demo-

cratic party was formed. Dr Berisha was its leader and carefully exploited his growing popularity. He is still equally at ease addressing disaffected city dwellers, frustrated and ashamed by their country's backwardness, or peasants in remote areas, who do not comprehend the political process and are fearful of

In a coalition formed in June 1991 after the general strike he gained valuable experience of government and grew in self-confidence. He also developed a ruthless streak, ousting his friend. Mr Pashko, from the barricades because he considered the economist's reform programme too complicated to be a vote-puller.

He expertly timed his party's exit from the coalition government, quitting at the height of the civil unrest last December and thus ensuring that fresh elections would be held in a climate of disillusion and uncertainty and that the electorate would be ready for a change. Since then he has pounded the campaign trail - and in Albania it is rockier than most - relentlessly. His voice is hoarse from over-use but characteristically he does not spare it. In his victory speeches he still lays down the law with a force to which authority-hungry Albania

responds. There is an undeniable whiff of the personality cult about Dr Berisha. When his car entered Tirana's main square yesterday the crowd parted obediently leaving a

as they had once done for te late dictator Hoxha and King . sale

Zog before him. Albania's intellectuals fer that the extent of the Demcrats' triumph — they have \bar{v} per cent, the Socialists ory 22 per cent of the vote 1though counting is still icomplete - may hinder the development of true democacy with the sway of one grou of people simply being a placed by another.

Politics in Albania is n intensely personal busines. not surprisingly in a county whose capital has ony 300.000 inhabitants. Tie country's institutions will new be purged of the old by network and the resultant corruption from communit days. It will be a more tricy task, however, to ensure that new privileges do not replée

Europe security grouping widened

French alarm Nato by pressing for new defence alliance

FROM OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe began in Helsinki yesterday with the admission of three more members: Georgia, Croatia and Slovenia. The opening session had before it a French memorandum calling for a sweeping revision of the continent's defence and security, including a proposal designed to marginalise

America's role in Europe.
European foreign ministers, meeting for the first time in the city where the original Helsinki Accords were signed in 1975, decided to admit the three new members, bringing the total number of conference signatories to 51. They also signed the so-called open skies agreement, which allows former adversaries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the defunct Warsaw Pact, as well as Euro-pean neutral countries, to conduct aerial surveillance over each other's territory to discover possible cheating in arms control agreements.

The treaty, which was negotiated in Vienna, is considered to be a significant confidence-building measure as it allows low flights and use of most modern equipment to determine exact compliance. Paavo Vayrynen, the Finnish foreign minister who opened the foreign ministers' meet-ing, described the treaty as without equal in the area of verification and confidence building". The foreign ministers of Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia signed the pact in place of the former Soviet Union. Georgia also began its activity in the organisation by

signing the treaty.
The French memorandum. circulated to European capitals on the eve of the meeting, outlines ways in which it might develop. The most controversial suggestion is that the security conference might turn itself into a defence treaty organisation, and it has rung alarm bells in several Nato capitals. President Mitterrand and Roland Dumas, his foreign minister, in pursuit of France's ceaseless postwar quest to ease Europe away from America's military and political shadow, are quietly campaigning to turn the

body dealing with security and peace-keeping between the Atlantic and the Urals. The new French memorandum intensifies a largely secret battle over the control of Europe's future security.

According to French think-

ing. Nato would remain as a nuclear alliance of last resort but otherwise irrelevant to the ethnic and frontier disputes which are bubbling all over the territory of what used to be the Soviet empire. Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, supported by Britain and by some in the American administration, argues that Nato troops could perform "military observer" or peace-keeping missions on the security conference's be-half in troublespots. At present, the body has no means of enforcing its rulings on human rights or ethnic

President Mitterrand has only made one fleeting public reference to a new European



Vayrynen: a treaty that will build confidence

security treaty. In a memo discussing "Security after discussing "Security after Helsinki", his government proposes a new treaty covering all states in the security conference and says that it should include "a clause for solidarity and assistance in security matters".

That nebulous phrase is not a plan for fully-fiedged military guarantees - such as those in the Nato treaty - by which any state would be obliged to come to the aid of another under attack. Other Nato governments believe that this is the beginning of the latest attempt to replace

grouping into a dominant Nato by creating an alternative alliance. "The memo does not say 'move over Nato' explicitly, but you can smell it between every line, one Nato

France and Germany, developing plans for a 25,000-European defence force which may be joined by Spain and Belgium, are sug-gesting that the conference's cumbersome decision-making should be streamlined. Its decisions now require the assent of all members. Germany has floated the idea that a small "security coun-cil" along United Nations lines should deal with sensitive and fast-moving disputes. France backs the idea of the security conference making decisions by majority vote.

Yesterday the foreign min-isters in Helsinki spent the morning looking at media-tion attempts in Nagorno-Karabakh and the need to polish the image of the organisation battered during the Croatian war. Last night Armenia and Azerbaijan were eported to have agreed that a peace conference on their dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh should be held in

The admission of new members was made possible by Yugoslavia's new flexibility. Earlier Belgrade had prevented the admission of Croatia and Slovenia and paralysed the security conference in the Yugoslav civil war.
The leader of Yugoslavia's delegation, Vladimir Pavicevic, said that his country had wanted to postpone their admission but gave up because of pressure from oth-

er participants.

The fourth follow-up meeting will last three months.
After two days of formal statements by foreign ministers,
the 51 members will try to find new structures for the Helsinki process in the post-cold war era, although many experienced diplomats are weary of the new members with their multiple problems. The conference will end with a summit meeting in Helsinki

Leading article, page 13 | cre" in the region. Mehdi



Mountain vigil: rescue workers recovering a body from the wreckage of a Sudan Airways Boeing 707 cargo plane that crashed into the fog shrouded Mount Imittos near

Athens airport yesterday. All seven crew were killed. The aircraft was carrying 40 tonnes of medicines and medical equipment and 33 tonnes of clothing from Amsterdam

to Sudan. It crashed shortly before landing to take on fuel. By late yesterday, the rescuers had identified five of seven mutilated and charred bodies. During the plane's

approach to the airport the pilo contacted the control tower a 7.02am to say that he was having trouble and his instruments had

ambush state bus

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

GUNMEN hiding in ,a graveyard attacked a bus as it drove through Istanbul yesterday morning. Two people were killed and seven others were wounded in the bus, which was apparently taking employees of MIT, the Turkish state intelligence organisation, to work.

An armed faction of the radical Dev Sol group claimed responsibility for the assault. "The hand which tries to crush the Kurds will be broken," a caller told a newspaper in reference to the violence which continued sporadically yesterday in the Kurdish provinces of south-east Turkey after Turkish troops ringed the town of Sirmak with tanks.

Two radical Kurd MPs, Leyla Zana and Hatip Dide, of the Peoples' Labour party, are now on hunger strike in describe as the "state massa

Zana, Mrs Zana's husband and a popular former mayor of Diyarbakir who served 11 years in prison, was reportedly rearrested yesterday for al-

legedly giving support to the Kurdistan Workers' party. Yesterday's daylight raid, in which five assailants emerged from behind a cemetery wall some 50 yards from the bus, is typical of the bra-vura tactics of Dev Sol. Police later freed a taxi driver who was bound hand and foot in the boot of his car, which the gunman used in their escape.

Although Dev Sol attacks are a rarity compared to the heyday of urban violence in Turkey in the 1970s, the group appeared to revive at the beginning of 1990 when it carried out several acts of urban terror in a bid, it was believed, to discourage Turkish support for the allied cause in the Gulf war.

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Istanbul gunmen | East teaches west a | Ceasefire lesson in industry

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BERLIN

BRIAN Hay, a director of . BICC, the British cable manufacturer, is one of the smail band of British businessmen to have ventured into the economic wilderness of eastern Germany. He commutes to Berlin from Cheshire each week to oversee the transformation of the former East Germany's cable-making Kombinat into an industrial complex capable of competing for world markets. He finds the task made

easier by the fact that Wessis west Germans) have generaly been rude about Ossis (east Germans) since unification. Fed up with being called lazy and stupid. Ossi workers want to prove they are at least as good as Wessis, whom they regard as self-satisfied and arrogant. The result is they are motivated to out-produce west German factories, even though they earn only 70 per cent of western wages.

German industry, is finding that Ossi workers are putting Wessi workers to shame. Daimler-Benz has reported that the truck plant set up last year in Ludwigsfelde, south of Berlin, is already the most runs worldwide. With one in three Ossis out

of work, those employed are showing unexpected man-agement flair and determination to save their companies from closure. Shipyard workers in Mecklenburg, western Pomerania, have just forced the state's prime minister to resign because he failed to give them

adequate support.

In the town of Brandenburg, the women at the Branka yarn mills have chosen a dynamic management from among their own number, cut the workforce from 750 to 140, and gone in search of new markets from Iran to America. They have been angered because west German companies, happy to import their wool when it was subsidised under communism, now refuse to pay the market price they must charge to survive.

But the Ossi textile industry has little hope of competing with cheap-labour mills in Turkey and South-East Asia Treuhand is searching vainly for someone to buy Branka and save its determined women from the dole queue. Even companies with poten-tial like Kabelwerk Oberspree, just taken over by BICC, have had to accept large-scale layoffs as the price of survival. The rescue plan drawn up by Mr Hay involved cutting the workforce from 9.000 to 2,200.

• Economic forecast: Peter Walker, the former Welsh secretary, said in Bonn that eastem Germany would soon be the area of greatest economic expansion in the European Community, but that Britain was failing to take advantage of the fact.

Mr Walker, who succeeded in attracting massive Japa-nese investment to Wales, has been called in by the German government to attract British investment to the depressed eastern Länder. (Reuter)

shattered in Croatia

Belgrade: Nine people wre killed in fighting in Cropia and Bosnia-Herzegovina as ceasefire violations were reported by both Croatia hd Serbia (Our Foreign Saff write). Nineteen people hve died since last Sunday.

United Nations officers were forced to spend sevral hours in shelters as the tern of Beli Manastir was sheed durd war

Wanted

Honecker claim

Bons: Erich Honecker, he former East German legier who has taken refuge in the Chilean embassy in Mosow, has said that he is willin to return to Berlin to face fial for manslaughter if he is properly charged, a speial Chilean envoy said here.

Swiss riot

Winterthur: A Swiss derpnstration by environmentasis against General Norsan Schwarzkopf, the US cm-mander of allied forces in the Gulf war, turned into riong after leftists tried to preent guests from hearing the eneral speak at a meeting. (AFP)

Revenue lost

Bonn: The German govrn ment will lose DM2 bilion (£700 million) in revenue his year because the Februar 29 starting date for a new tride tax was omitted from legila-tion. Collection cannot be enforced until the beginning of next year.

Small victory

Grenoble: A French court annulled a ban against dwarf-throwing after Mariel Wackenheim, aged 25, appealed that it deprived his of a livelihood. The government claimed the sport of throwing dwarfs across a bar roomyas degrading. (Reuter)

Fatal evidence

Bonn: Erich Scharf, aged 79, a former member of the SS, dropped dead in a Stuttart court as he began giling evidence at the trial of set Schwarmmberger, the sive labour camp and ghetto ommander who is accused of killing 45 Jews

Hotdogs and hookers sour home of dolce vita

PLANS to close the Caffe Doney, one of the few re-maining elegant bars on the Via Veneto and the nearby Hotel Eden with its stupendous views over Rome, have alarmed Romans who fear the street that once symbolised the dolce vita could become squalid and

Many other landmarks from the decadent era of the 1950s and 1960s captured on celluloid by Federico Fellini and Anita Ekberg have disappeared already. Last year the smart Bar Carpano on the Via Veneto closed "for restructuring." and a few yards away a bank offering tourists exchange facilities has sprung up where the fashionable Caffe Rosati once stood.

In January Mondadori, the last of four bookshops that used to cater for intellectuals browsing in the Via Veneto wound up business because the proprietors could not afford a rent

chief barman at Harry's told they face early retire-

Sky-high hotel prices, all-night traffic and closure of elegant bars have driven the in-crowd out of a famous street, John Phillips writes from Rome

Bar, cannot confirm newspaper reports that the days of his august establishment are numbered after a recent management change. But Signor Scibona, who has worked at the Roman Harry's since it opened in 1961. is leaving to run his own bar in the Piazza Navona.

Via Veneto has changed immeasurably," he said.
"The beautiful people don't come here to stroll at night anymore. The number of tourists is much fewer."

A pressure group, the Association of Friends of the Via Veneto, have asked Franco Carraro, the mayor of Rome, to intervene with Ciga Hotels, the owners of Doney, to prevent the imminent closure of the cafe and ncrease. its sedate reading rooms.
Antonio Scibona, the Its 54 employees have been ment or transfer. A Ciga spokesman said the company intends to make a "radical restructuring" of Doney's, which lost the equivalent of almost £500,000 last year. It will be revamped as an annex to the neighbouring Hotel Ex-celsior but will not reopen for at least two years.
"Our fear is that the Caffe

Doney will be gone forever, like all the 1950s intellectual meeting places on the Via Veneto," said Giovanni Lucente, a spokesman for the Friends of the Via

The trade in rich American tourists has been declining since September 1985 when Palestinians at-tacked the Cafe de Paris on the Via Veneto with hand grenades and business worsened during the Gulf



Fading glory: Romans are fighting to preserve Via Veneto as a cultural landmark

war. Panorama magazine suggested that the street be renamed "Streetwalk Veneto" because of the growing number of hookers and tranvestite prostitutes lurking on its pavements at night. "Addio Via Veneto." the magazine said. "The requiem seems to be defin-

Via Veneto area hotels and the failure of the city authorities to prevent nightly traffic jams for part of the decline. "People don't want to pay 500,000 lire [£233] or 600,000 lire a night to sleep badiv."

The local authorities experimented in the 1980s with closing the Via Veneto Signor Scibona at Harry's to traffic from 9pm to 2am, blames sky high prices in

of the ancient city wall. But the experiment was halted after two years. Inevitably the first fast food restaurant - referred

to disparagingly by Signor Scibona as "that place across the street" - has opened on the Via Veneto decorated with lurid photographs of hamburgers and

dellan lite

Reactor branded as unsafe before leak

metho nuclear power station where yesterday's incident took place is old, badly designed and run by an increasingly demoralised staff. Foreign exariali perts who have visited it have been seriously concerned by conditions at the plant, the same type as the one which blew up at Chernobyl six years ago.

Last year Leningradskaya was one of two Russian plants ordered to reduce output because they did not meet international safety standards. Swedish specialists who visited the plant said that it should be shut down immediately because of its poor condition and inadequate fire protection system.

German experts were alarmed when their geiger counters recorded levels of radioactivity around the plant 400 times higher than normal, said to be caused by badly designed waste storage facilities. Other visitors report seeing a dozen or so wisps of radioactive steam rising from under the cover of the reactor. apparently a result of inade-quate sealing between the reactor vessel and its 200-ton

'That's the usual story these days," the plant's director, Anatoli Eperin, told Business Week magazine this month. "The seals we're getting now are pretty poor

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Yesterday's incident appears to have involved damage to at least one of the 1,600 fuel channels that run vertically through the reactor's graphite core. The immediate cause was probably a loss of coolant to one of the pressurised tubes containing the fuel elements. Deprived of cool-ant, the fuel would have overheated, bursting the fuel can and releasing the most volatile of the radioactive fission products, krypton-85 and io-

These isotopes then reached the reactor hall, ap-parently through the defi-cient scals in the lid. Levels of radioactive iodine in the reactor hall were ten times normal, according to Russian reports. The fact that no other isotopes, such as caesium, were detected suggested that fuel temperatures did not greatly exceed normal levels, according to John Gittus of

has twice visited the plant.
From the reactor hall the gases escaped into the environment through normal ventilation ducts. Like many Russian reactors, the Leningradskaya unit three lacks secondary containment

Foreign experts have been seriously concerned by conditions at the Leningradskaya nuclear power station, Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor, writes

to trap radioactive leaks inside the building: Anatoli Kuznetsov, the duty officer at the plant, said repairs to the graphite tubes in the reactor hall where the leak occurred would take about four days. He said such leaks happened from time to time" and were not dangerous. The plant was shut down as soon as the leak. was detected.

Using the newly developed international scale for measuring the severity of nuclear accidents, the Russian authorities rated the incident at three - defined as a serious incident, but without implications for widespread pollution same scale the Chernobyl accident rated at seven, and the 1957 Windscale fire and the 1979 Three Mile Island acci-

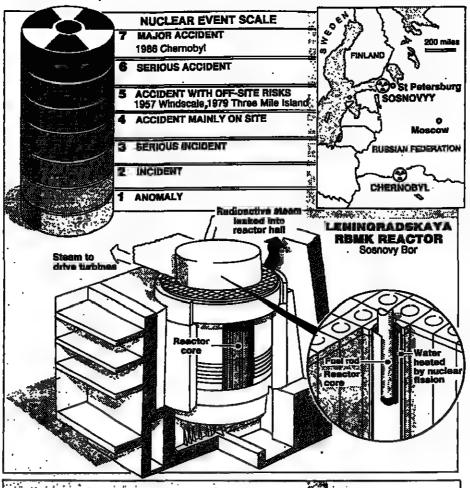
The RBMK reactors at Leningradskaya are early ex-amples of a type developed in the former Soviet Union in isolation from international standards. They use graphite as a moderator and water as a coolant, a combination ruled out on safety grounds by the designers of the first British nuclear piles in 1947. Fifteen RBMK reactors continue to operate in Russia and Lithuania, providing 40 per cent of the nuclear-generated elec-tricity in the former Soviet Union. Russia's new State

Committee for the Supervision of Nuclear and Radiation Safety recognises the reactors' deficiencies but is powerless to act because no alternative sources of electric-RBMKs. The committee has already lost some of its best inspectors, tempted by higher salaries in the private sector.

Western nuclear companies consulted about the possibility of making the RBMKs sale say that it would be too expensive. Adolf Huttl, chairman of the energy division of Siemens, says: "Because of their design flaws, it is economically not feasible to backfit RBMK reactors." The Russians could not afford to pay, and nobody else is likely to produce the billions of dollars needed. Dr Gittus, however, is more

optimistic. Together with experts from other countries he pational task force to visit the BMK reactors and see what could be done to make them

"For £30-40 million we could do quite a lot" he said, but the first thing is to get £4.5 million of European Community money to investi-gate the problem and decide what needs to be done."





Rogue reactors: the Leningradskaya nuclear power station, where radioactive gases leaked yesterday. Experts are divided on whether such reactors can be made safe

Finland braced against ill wind from neighbour

FROM OLLI KIVINEN IN HELSINKI

NEWS of the Leningradskaya nuclear accident scared Finns because the plant is only 90 miles from the nearest part of the Finnish coast. Finnish scientists reported after visits to the plant that these Chernobyl-type Russian reactors are Finland's worst security risk.

The accident added dramatic flavour to the follow-up conference of the Helsinki process which opened in Helsinki yesterday. First infor-mation from Russia reached the meeting just as foreign ministers or their deputies from 51 countries were gathering for the official opening meeting at the Marina conference centre, which is in the middle of Helsinki harbour, 160 miles from the Leningradskaya plant Initial wind direction was

southeast, which meant that possible radioactive emission vould have come directly to Helsinki. Later the wind secred to northeast

Finnish officials succeeded in establishing immediate contact with the plant and were able to reassure the worried ministers and the population in extra news broadcasts that there was no immediate danger. Antti Vuorinen, the director of the radiation safety centre, said that the Russian officials told him that "the discharge of radioactive gases is within allowed limits". Finland's modern and extensive monitoring network did not detect any signs of increased radioactivity anywhere on the south coast. The network was rebuilt after Chernobyl had revealed serious weaknesses in the detection of radioactivity.
When officials inspected

the filters in equipment, designed to monitor long-term radiation, traces of radioactive iodine were found, but it is not known if they predated the latest accident. Professor Jorma Miettinen, a nuclear specialist who visited the plant only a month ago, said that "the people there do know what they are doing". He noted that there are more than 1,000 water-cooling channels, "and it has been always known they are liable to break one by one

Other Finnish and Swedish specialists who had visited Leningradskaya and Inga-lina in Lithuania earlier this about the obvious dangers. Many scientists were shocked by what they saw in the plants, and Swedish nuclear scientists have demanded their closure. Jukka Laaksonen, from the radiation safety centre, said that fires were the most obvious hazard in the Chernobyl-type plants in Russia.

 Ammunition blast: A forest fire caused a huge explosion at a Pacific fleet ammunition depot near the Russian far eastern port of Vladivostok Tass news agency reported. Inhabitants for three miles around the depot were

East struggles with the problems of power and pollution



tered and coughed their way around the grimy towns of northern Bohemia will understand the policy dilemma confronting Central Europe to reduce air pollution, many governments are being forced to accept the risks of nuclear power generated by ancient, over-stretched power stations as flawed as Chemobyl's.

Western governments, notably those of Austria, Germany and Sweden, the three countries most geographically vulnerable to fallout from the East, are nervous, but have yet to untangle one of the most complex development issues of the day. Aus tria, for example, has decided to be nuclear-free. But it will draw power from Ukraine, some of it almost certainly from nuclear generators.

Europe's dilemma is that rich Western countries want to get rid of nuclear power, but poorer Eastern nations are dependent on it, Roger Boyes writes

For even prosperous countries to shrug themselves free of some measure of dependency on nuclear energy produced in out-dated and potentially dangerous power stations is difficult. Klaus Topfer, the German environment minister, shut down East Germany's Greifswald Now he proposes similar action for Kozloduy in Bulgaria, perhaps Europe's most accident-prone atomic power station. But completely to shut it down would lead to a drastic energy shortfall.

Czechoslovakia is also condemned to stay nuclear. Atomic power accounts for 27 per cent of total electricty generated, and there are plans to expand the nuclear role to 40 per cent.

The fact is that the risks of nuclear power are played down by the less prosperous states of the East, and played up by the wealthler societies of the West. Some form of joint European nuclear strategy needs to be devised. There has to be consensus on what kind of power station can be phased out and how quickly.

ised with Western help. The technology to convert atomic reactors to a combined-cycle station powered by natural gas and coal exists, but it has not been tried successfully in the East and the costs are very

How Ukraine, a leading

energy exporter, could afford the process of conversion is difficult to see. In 1991 Ukraine exported 16 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to Eastern Europe, a quarter of which is produced in nuclear power stations.

One Czechoslovak project msy point the way for increasing nuclear safety. The Mochovce power station has contracted to sell electricity to a Bavarian utility company in return for instrumentation and control systems.

utions and are not enough to convince East Europeans that the time has come for a nuclear shutdown. New information from the Chernobyl area about the scope of radiation and the long-term health effects is not reassuring.

Nor is the organisational collapse of the Soviet Union. The central authorities in Moscow reacted slowly to the Chernobyl accident, but with some semblance of order. No big imaginative leap is needed to picture the scene if there were another accident tomorrow: this time not only fallout but droves of irradiated refugees would hurry westwards. Perhaps the time has come for pan-European strategic thinking to head off a pan-European disaster.

Hurd wary of Libya's offer on wanted Lockerbie suspects

BY MICHAEL BENYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday voiced scepticism of the offer by Libya to hand over to the Arab League two men ac-cused of the Lockerbie bombing. He said Britain would remain vigilant against any Libyan attempt to mislead the West. "They have made some sort of an offer . . . It remains to be seen what substance it

has," he said. The United States also believes that Tripoli may be playing for time to head off threatened United Nations sanctions. Thomas Pickering, the American ambassador to the UN, said the proposal might be "more of a stall than NVENTIO! compliance". He was waiting for the offer in writing. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, was also said to be very cautious about the offer.

Sir David Hannay, the British ambassador to the UN, said there were some signs that Libya "may at last be beginning to move toward compliance".

Diego Arria of Venezuela. the president of the security council, said the two suspects. Lamen Khalifa Fhiman and Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, would be "unconditionally surrendered to the Arab Leigh-Pember League". France, which is also demanding Libyan cooperation in the investigation of the bombing of a UTA plane over Africa, called the Libyan offer "positive". Jean-Bernard Merimée, the UN ambassador, said the imposition of an air and arms embargo would be suspended until the proposals could be

The assumption in the West is that the Arab League would pass the Libyans on to the UN for transfer to Scot-



Wanted men: Lamen Khalifa Fhiman, left, and Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, sought by the West

land or the United States to stand trial. The handover might be made at the United Nations Development Programme office in Triploi. But the Arab League might wait for a ruling on the case from the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

"If they are willing to hand. over the two men in circumstances which will lead to their being brought to justice either in Scotland or the United States, well and good," Mr Hurd told a Conservative news conference yesterday. "If not we will have to proceed at the UN with the kind of measures ... which are being discussed at present," he added. "It's up to them to comply with the UN demands."

An Arab League delegation flew to Tripoli yesterday to discuss the Libyan offer with Colonel Gadaffi. It was led by Esmat Abdel-Maguid, the League's secretary general, who said Libya's offer was a "sign of its flexibility and should be appreciated".

Libya has not said when, where or how the two men



will be delivered to the Arab League, nor if any strings are attached. Mr Abdel-Maguid said before leaving Cairo that he was "not aware of any conditions" but had not yet received written details from the Libvans.

The seven-member delega tion, due to return to Cairo today, included the foreign ministers of Egypt, Morocco. Tunis and Mauritania and senior officials from Libya, Syria and Algeria. Arab diplomats were opti-

mistic that the handover could take place within 48 hours either in Tripoli or Cairo. They said the offer was serious because Libya had realised after Sunday's Arab League meeting that most Arab countries would not back it in a confrontation with the West.

The Libyan news agency said Iran has announced flights between Tehran and Tripoli will begin on April 1, even if an air embargo is imposed on Libya. Tehran's reported intention to defy any air embargo is clearly designed to show solidarity with

Britain is sceptical of the many offers that Libya has made over the past month which fall short of full compliance, and appear to be buy-ing time. It believes that the most likely outcome is the handing over of the accused to the United Nations. This would be acceptable only if there were an unambiguous understanding that the men would then be sent immediately to Britain or the US. By proposing the Arab League as a first step. Libya introduces one more element of

The plan appears to be the result of strong Egyptian in-tervention. Cairo has repeatedly warned Colonel Gadaffi of the dangers of non-compliance with the United Nations. Egypt has also urged the Western allies not to take any military action against

British and American scepticism is also based on doubts over the validity of the various proposals that have been made. Several north African diplomats claim to have spoken with Colonel Gadaffi's authority, but it is unclear whether he has entrusted any of them with an intermediary

Britain believes that by keeping up the pressure it has already forced the Libyans to move a long way, and that any hint of negotiation over the UN resolutions would only weaken the West's stance. Britain has been encouraged that Mr Boutros Ghali has refused to undertake any kind of negotiation with Tripoli, and has authorised his emissary merely to make known the UN

Guests hurt in Amman hotel fire

Ammen: Fire broke out during a Ramadan banquet at the Intercontinental Hotel here last night, stranding some guests on the upper floors. People could be seen standing on balconies, burning candles so that rescue workers could see them.

As firemen struggled to put out the blaze, dozens of injured people were receiving emergency treatment in front of the hotel, which is across the street from the American embassy. Suhel Jabra, an hotel desk clerk, said the basement was burning. He said it appeared that the fire started from an electrical failure.

Hotel officials said there were 36 people in the 225room building, excluding employees and diners. (AP)

About turn

Seoul: President Roh and his ruling Democratic Liberal party looked set to fall short of a majority in parliamentary elections, only hours after they appeared to be heading for a win, national television said. (Reuter)

Recruit victim

Tokyo: Takashi Kato, a for mer Japanese vice minister of labour, has been convicted of accepting bribes in the Recruit corruption scandal that rocked Japan in the 1980s. He was fined 6.81 million yen (£30,000) and given a suspended prison sentence.

Tyson target

Indianapolis: The prosecution will recommend this week that Mike Tyson, former world heavyweight box-ing champion, be jailed for six to 10 years and fined \$30,000 (£17,440) for raping Desiree Washington, as well as pay related costs. (AFP)

Bush earmarks aid for republics

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush, rebuked by Richard Nixon and prodded by Helmut Kohl, the chancellor of Germany, is soon expected to set aside his electionvear abhorrence of foreign affairs and propose a comprehensive new multi-bilfion-dollar aid package for the former Soviet repub-

The State Department is quietly preparing such a package.At a White House meeting on Monday a bipartisan group of senators urged strong presidential leadership to sell the package to a hostile Congress and recession-battered nation, and left "cautiously optimistic" that Mr Bush would indeed be more assertive. Patrick Buchan-an's fading "America first" challenge also makes that

more likely.

The package reportedly includes roughly \$1 billion (£581 million) towards an international rouble stabilisation fund, a \$12-billion increase in American contributions to the International Monetary Fund, \$620 million for emergency humanitarian aid already announced, more agricultural credit guarantees and the ending of Cold

War trade restrictions. Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president. gave a warning, in an interview published here yesterday, that social tensions caused by declining living standards in the former Soviet Union had reached an "explosive critical mass" and called some actions of the republics' lead-

ers "sheer madness". Mr Gorbachev told The Washington Post his country was being torn apart. Economic ties were disintegrating. Commonwealth

leaders were doing little but "walk and talk" despite rising tensions between Russia and Ukraine. President Yeltsin, he said, was moving too fast with his economic shock therapy. liberalising prices when much of the economy was still run as a state monopoly. Mr Gorbachev said his worst fears were being realised. "I have turned out to be too much of a prophet. one whose prophecies have begun to come true within

a few weeks."
Mr Bush has all but forsaken foreign policy, at least publicly, since his political fortunes plummeted late last year, but has recently been accused of squandering an historic opening in world affairs by ignoring the republics plight. Earlier this month Mr Nixon, described American aid to the republies as "pathetically inade-Recalling quate". President Truman's pres-sure for the Marshall Plan, the former president acknowledged public hostility to foreign aid but said strong leaders made un-

popular causes popular. On Sunday Mr Kohl, at a joint press conference with Mr Bush, warned Ameri-cans that "the destiny of the world is being decided on the foreign-policy front" and nations that did not understand that "will pay very dearly for it". • Georgia ties: The White

House announced yesterday that it was establishing diplomatic relations with Georgia, the last of the 12 republics to gain this recognition. America made the establishment of relations dependent on the republic's adoption of responsible security policies and democratic values.

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Denning defeats vicars

THE former Master of the Rolls Lord Denning won his dispute with two vicars vesterday when Basingstoke council in Hampshire agreed to treat him as trustee in charge Whitchurch, enabling him to convert it into a community centre for local people.

The vicars had offered to sell the building to the town council, but Lord Denning questioned their right to do so. He expects to have to put thousands of pounds of his own money towards the cost of the conversion.

A jury in a mock relevision

trial yesterday acquitted Paul Keating, Australia's prime minister, of "murdering" the economy. David Lange, the former prime minister of New Zealand, was prosecutor

Paul McCariney, a vegetarian for 20 years, has persuaded meat-loving Eddie Murphy to convert to vegetarianism for a week as the price for collaborating on an allstar charity single.

The chairman of National Power, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, was installed as the third chancellor of Bradford

University in West Yorkshire yesterday, succeeding Sir John Harvey-Jones.

The story of singer Neil Sedaka's love-at-first-sight courtship of his wife is being turned into a film. Sedaka married Leba 30 years ago after saying: "See that girl? I'm going to marry her."

Our debt to a slayer of Sacred cows Tam studying black feminism. That is not what I set out to study, but that is what it turned into. I set out to study the multicultural or politically correct coalition on American campuses. That coalition includes both women's studies people and black studies people, but the former are almost all white and the latter are mostly male, and

Keith Joseph on the work the latter are mostly male, and not feminists. of Friedrich von Hayek

he gentle, cultivated polymath Friedrich August Hayek, who died this week, both predicted and outlived the serfdom to which good intentions and rationalism can lead which good intentions and rationalism can lead the serious consists of sexual harassymptons of sexual har ancient civilisations. From The Road to Serf-dom, published in 1944, through to his last book. The Fatal Conceit, he analysed the unintended poverty and the lack of freedom to which socialism — and flabby, statist conservatism too - can lead.

I am no Hayek scholar. I am not competent to write about his subtle and wide-ranging work. What I can bear witness to is his relevance to the past three Conservative governments, and the liberating effect on our recent political life of the writings of Hayek, who was Austrian by birth but

When in 1974, with the help of Nigel Vinson and Alfred Sherman, Margaret Thatcher and I set up the Centre for Policy Studies, we knew that the good intentions of the Ted Heath that the good intentions of the Ted Heath years — and of previous Tory governments too — had come to grief. And we struggled to learn the lessons. Time and again we learnt from analyses that Hayek had already published. It was he, for instance, who had predicted that the deliberate pursuit of full employment would, because of its inflationary consequences, be self-defeating. Even Harold Wilson admitted later that "Inflation is the father and mother of that "Inflation is the father and mother of

any politicians — and scholars also, i believe — did not realise the relevance of believe — did not result the hard hard be sails that he had til we had experienced the evils that he had foreseen. We read his The Constitution of Liberty, published in 1960. We learnt to distrust the quicksands of "social justice", as opposed to the rule of law, and we learnt to distrust the cientism" of the rationalists. We learnt about which were results of trade union power, or results of the non-bankruptability of the then vast public sector, or of the acceptance of pay, price, dividend and exchange controls which had been withhicked And up learns should be another than the problems. established. And we learnt about the ratchetingto-the-left effect of an unprincipled determ-Instion to be "moderate"

Hayek must have admired the work of Margaret Thatcher in tackling each of these obstacles to prosperity and freedom, and her recognition that the market order could do its benign work only within a constantly adjusted framework of law and regulation.

On the other hand, he regretted what he believed was the slowness of Mrs Thatcher's timetable for tackling inflation in 1979: he iudged that the electorate would only tolerate a very short and therefore very sharp deceleration in the growth of money. In the event, the soaring of sterling coupled with constraint on the money-supply achieved the reduction of inflation within

Hayek greatly admired a particular passage by Burke which reads: "Men are qualified for civil liberty in each proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their appetites..." Hayek must have sym-pathised with Mrs Thatcher in confronting society, the cataclysmic effects on moral restraint of television and permissiveness. On an equally wide issue, he must have rejoiced at her explicit determination to demolish the sacred tenets of socialism, not just to delay their implementation as previous Tory leaders had been content to do. In this aim she was so successful that Labour was forced at least nominally to drop most of its old shibboleths. His last book. The Fatal Conceit (1988), explained vividly why the centralised decision-making at the heart of socialism must bring such a society

Margaret Thatcher obviously admired and respected Hayek and his work. It must have been she who recommended him for the Companionship of Honour, to which the Queen - to Hayek's known delight — duly appointed him. Lord Joseph was a cabinet minister 1970-74 and 1979-86.

Black women face discrimination from white society and their own men, argues Conor Cruise O'Brien

I began investigating the multiculturalism phenomenon at the Wilson Centre for International Scholars in Wash-

ment against President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, Clarence Thomas. The case split the multicultural alliance. Most blacks were pro-Thomas, and virtually all feminists (whether they were white or black) were pro-Hill.

So I decided to give particular attention to the interaction between women's studies and black studies within the multi-

Slaves to race and sex

growing divergence between the two. Their alliance has been based on targeting the white male as the root of all evil, and this gets redious after a while if you happen to be a white male.

I began reading everything I could find about the history of black women in America written by black feminist women. I expected to find a lot of propaganda. What I found was a solid body of historical work, and an absorbing human story. Black feminist writing is more

wide-ranging and perceptive than the white feminist kind. White feminism is aware of only one oppressor. Black feminists are aware of three: white men. white women and black men. Black feminists have reason to know that it is not only white men who can be racist, also a far greater experience of oppression than white women, and a somewhat greater experience of it than black men.

Black women had been left out of history until they started writing it for themselves. You will not find the name Sojourner Truth in The Dictionary of American Biography. Yet the woman who took that name was one of the most remarkable Americans who ever lived. She was born a slave, and being exceptionally strong became a field-slave. Overpowering her overseer, she escaped to New York in 1827. In 1843, "the Spirit commanded her to travel and preach and she an-nounced herself Sojourner

Ohio in 1851.

There she delivered two memorable rebukes, one to a white man, the other to a white woman. A dergyman had admonished participants in the convention about their rights and duties. It was Sojourner Truth who answered him: "That little man in black there, he says women can't have the same rights as men, because Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Men had nothing to do with him."

The other was addressed to a woman who had complained about sundry acts of male op-pression, including the manner in which she had been hand-Truth". She was received in abolitionist and feminist circles, which of course overlapped, and never oppressed me by handing the blacks. Educated black

cultural alliance. I expected, and not only white men who she attended the Women's me in to no carriage!" and indeed hoped to witness a can be sexist. Black women have Rights Convention in Akron. I was reminded of that last I was reminded of that last reply recently when I read in a section entitled "Oppression" in a modern textbook on racism and sexism a long pas-sage analysing a social phe-

nomenon entitled "the male door-opening ritual". People who, like Sojourner Truth. have known real oppression. don't have time for such trivialities. The male black leadership is

openly sexist. It is well known that when Stokely Carmichael was asked "What is the place of women in the civil rights movement?", his answer was: 'On their backs!" The male black leadership represents black feminism as treachery to the black cause, a movement

to be feminists and many blacks - most men and also some women - resent educated black

Hatred of men for women appears to be stronger among blacks than among whites. In the 1960s. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan diagnosed what he called a "pathological matriarchal situation" in the black community, meaning that the status of women was higher, and that of men lower, than he considered appropriate. Some blacks strongly agreed with him. He reported that when he had asked a distinguished negro sociologist what could be done to help the negro man, the sociologist replied: "Anything that could be done to hurt the negro woman would help.

Awareness of manifold hostility around you can be stimulating to the wits and the perceptions, as the history of the Jews has shown. The responses of black feminists to the hostility that surrounds them are impressive and edifying.

Labour's credibility gap

Voters are unhappy with the Tories but still have doubts about switching, says Peter Riddell

he Tories may be un-popular, but Labour has not yet convinced people that it can do My impression from speaking to voters and experienced canvassers in the last few days is that many voters are fed up with the government, but they are sceptical about both parties promises. That accounts for the large number of undecided voters (many more than in recent campaigns) - notably the young, mortgage-holders and those living in the south. Talking to people in Lordship Lane in Dulwich on Monday I

was struck, as I was in Letch-worth last Thursday, by the number of people saying they felt "let down" by the govern-ment. The disillusionment appears to be greatest among those who began to climb the economic ladder during the Thatcher years, first-time house-buyers and those who bought council houses rather than those who remained tenants. They have suffered from high mortgage rates, arrears and repossessions. Moreover, contrary to the conventional wisdom after the

1983 and 1987 elections, which suggested that unemployment was not electorally significant. the recession is now having an impact. Even in previously pros-perous areas such as East Anglia and the Home Counties, Tory candidates report that unemthe doorsteps for the first time. People there feel especially ag-grieved, since they did not expect to be made redundant or

to find it hard to get jobs.

But Labour should not become complacent. The leadership may be self-confident, the morale of activists may be the highest for nearly 20 years, and reports from the marginal seats may be encouraging, but dis-content with the Tories' record and sympathy for the "time for a change" appeal do not necessarily represent enthusiasm for a Labour government.

RIDDELL ON THE ELECTION

The polis point in differing directions. The Mori survey in The Times this morning shows a 3 per cent Labour lead, down from 5 per cent a week ago. New ICM and Harris polls also show a Labour lead, but another recent survey puts the Tories

There is no real evidence of a big shift towards Labour on the central issue of economic competence, although the party repetence, authorize the party re-tains its large lead on health and education. Labour's problem goes to the heart of the dilemma faced by all left-wing or demo-cratic socialist parties in the West: how to finance activist government. The post-war orthodoxy was that the tax burden could be raised to pay for an expanding welfare state. Even in the early 1970s, Anthony Crosland could write in Socialism Now: "We shall require higher taxation of the whole better-off section of the commnity, which now includer some trade unionists (for example, in the docks engineering, printing) who believe more strongly in differentials than equity."
But the hostility of many

skilled workers to ever larger deductions from their pay-packets was one of the main reasons for the defeat of the Callaghan government in 1979, and of Jimmy Carter 18 months later. Even though by the end of the 1980s polls showed that a clear majority of voters favoured spending on public services over tax cuts, Tory and Labour politicians have gone on working on the assumption that there is strong voter resistance to tax increases. This constraint has been recognised by Nell Kinnock's promise that Labour would not raise taxes for the "huge majority of people".

The Labour response has been



that an emergency recovery programme, extra spending on health and education and a rise in tax thresholds - all over and above what is planned by the Tories - can be financed without a increase in the general level of taxation. Fewer than 20 per cent will pay more, Labour claims. The illusion is that there is such a thing as a free lunch, paid for by rich Uncle Bob and Aunt Betty. To square the circle, Labour has had to propose large tax increases in tax and national insurance for middle managers and the like, and not just for the

The Tories were yesterday gleefully pointing to Denis Healey's comment in his mem-

tempt to improve the lot of the poorest section of the population must now be at the expense of the average man and woman. since the very rich do not collectively earn enough to make much difference, and the average man does not nowadays want to punish those who earn a little more than he, since he hopes ultimately to join them."

Nor is it any answer to talk of using the tax revenue from growth to finance extra spending over the life of the next parliament. The money has already been allocated. The deterioration in public finances revealed in the Red Book shows that any further revenue will be needed to get public borrowing down to the European target of per cent of national income. Labour would probably not re-duce borrowing below that level. Even assuming that the Trea-

sury projections are right; that will produce only a few billion pounds in 1995 and beyond. David Mellor yesterday talked of the next spending round not being an easy one, with the Treasury bearing down heavily on additional discretionary Labour cannot really look to

faster growth for salvation; the Treasury is already assuming 3 h per cent annual growth from 1994 onwards. Labour's emergency investment programme might boost growth slightly in the interim, but the room for manoeuvre on macro-economic policy is strictly limited by Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and the need to stay in line with German interest rates set by the Bundeshank.

Mr Kinnock argues that Lab-our has been careful not to commit itself to any increases in

public spending and improvements in the welfare state beyond John Smith's immediate package. Nonetheless, the Labour manifesto is full of what may euphemistically be called aspira-tions, which are not only uncosted but which will also raise expectations.

Last night's emotionally charged Labour election broadcast about the differing treat-ment of two little girls for an ear complaint — one whose parents can afford to pay and one who has to wait many months — was intended to leave the unmistakeable impression that the health service would improve substan-

tially under Labour.

The solid and suave front presented by Mr Smith may so far have deflected most of the Tories' attacks over the alleged £38 billion cost of Labour's programme, a figure which appears too big to be plausible. But there are many loose ends for Central Office to exploit.

abour and Tory views do differ, but the difference is mainly one of degree. The Tories have aimed at containing the growth of the overall tax burden in face of what Mr Mellor yesterday described as the "inexorable growth in key social services provision", while cutting income ax when they can. Ministers would have done better to have made a virtue of this record, as a sign of their commitment to the welfare state, rather than ap-pearing to quibble about the trend like Treasury accountants.

Democrats have been more candid in using the relative freedom of their minority status by acknowledging both that an anti-recession programme might involve increased borrowing in the short-term, and that an expansion in the education budget might require an increase in the basic rate of income tax. That appeal has helped prevent the party from being squeezed out by the Tories and Labour.

There is no easy way out for a party of the left. If it wants to expand public provision, the tax burden is likely to have to rise. That is partly why voters still have doubts about Labour.



omething has really got up my, er, has really set my teeth on, nose, up my nose, this morning. Not to put well be the straw that broke the, the, oh God, big animal, like a horse but lumpier, does that ring a, think of that man from was it Arabia, they made a film about him, anyway he rode around on one as I recall, he blew up a train in somewhere or other during one of the world wars, you must have seen it, it had the one in it with the moustache, swarthy bloke, bridge-player if my memory serves me right, unless it was snooker. You know who I mean.

Where was I? Oh, right, I wanted to tell you about this infuriating item I read in the Daily, the Sunday, hang on, I cut it out and put it down somewhere, I was reading it in the kitchen, no, the dining-room, the kitchen was where I went to get the scissors to cut it out with. so I probably carried it back into the dining-room, if you'll just bear with me I'll go and, ah, no, it's all coming back, I put it in my jacket pocket, but it doesn't seem to be, wait a sec, I wasn't wearing a jacket then, I didn't put my jacket on until well after. or rather just before, anyhow there was a ring at the back door, front door, and I had to go out and, hold on, it was my dressing-gown pocket, I read it while I was making the, or did my wife make it, anyhow I'll just nip upstairs and

Sorry I've been so long, I was standing in the bedroom staring

at my dressing-gown and then I had to go back downstairs and come up again to try to remember why I had gone upstairs for my dressing-gown in the first place, and then after I went back upstairs it suddenly occurred to me that I hadn't telephoned someone I had to ask about something or other, Mr, Mr, could be Geoff, my wife knows who he is, but she's gone out to see her, as you were, down to the, oh God, tall redbrick building on the corner of, you must know the road, it's named after a king, not an English king, a king of, a king of, the country had something to do with ointment, I get this picture of a tin, anyway it'll come to me in a bit, and then I can phone her there and ask her about this Geoff person, or possibly Brian, she may know what I did with his number, too, I know I wrote it down in the back of, I tell a lie, on the cover of, anyway I was in the middle of reading it when he phoned the first time, thick yellow paperback with some kind of a crustacean on, could have been a crayfish, it didn't have claws, yes it did, he won the Booker Prize a year or so back, might have been 1987 now I think about it, if that was the year we went to Bimini, or was it

Not Gatwick. Anyway, I've got the dressing-gown now, so that's all right, I'll tell you an interesting thing to be borne, it is about this dressing gown, it wasn't always blue, it used to be, write a piece about it.

the Whitbread? I think I may

have met him once, we were at

this hotel, sorry, party. Airport.

um, it used to be a different colour, wait, wait, we never actually went to Bimini at all, we planned to go there, but at the last minute there was either an air-controllers' strike or one of the children caught could it have been measles, no. now I think about it they had measles while I still had the

God knows why I wanted to dye the dressing gown. I must have had slippers it clashed I dye the slippers instead, hold on, it was mumps they caught when I had the Volvo, I remember driving them down in the middle of the night to see old Dr. young Dr. and now I think about it it wasn't Bimini we didn't go to, it was

Well I never, here's where my cigarettes and lighter are, in my dressing-gown pocket! Well, that's it then. End of story. God knows what this is in the other pocket, it appears to be a cutting from The Sunday Express, I wonder how on earth that got there, it says Glaxo are spending £100 million developing a drug called ondonsetron designed to cure absentmindedness in the middle-aged, have you ever heard anything so preposterous, one hundred million pounds at a time like this, it is not as if it was even a problem, we all know absent-mindedness is just a figment of the, what's the word, this is not to be borne, it is all quite scandalous, I may very well

Journalism once removed

THE election campaign has claimed another casualty. John Sweeney, a journalist who works for The Observer and BBC 2's The Late Show, has been thrown off John Major's battle bus for filming those moments the camera was never meant to see.

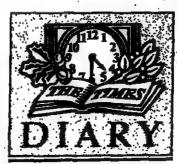
His expulsion comes as a result of protests not only from Major's entourage but from other journalists objecting to being filmed by Sweeney, who was commissioned by The Late Show to compile a lighthearted piece on the election coverage.

Sweeney's hand-held video carnera, or camcorder, irritated politicians, journalists and photographers alike. As a result. Tim Collins, the Tory parry's 27-yearold press secretary, summoned Sweeney late on Monday and told him not to return next day.

Sweeney says he has suffered more aggravation covering the general election than he experienced during the Romanian revo-lution or the war in Yugoslavia. "I was shocked. I filmed a Serbian general inside Zagreb during an air raid while the shells were falling, but I never experienced this. I am mystified as to what I am supposed to have done wrong."

Last week Sweeney spent two days without incident accompanying Neil Kinnock. He even persuaded Glenys Kinnock to hold the camera for shots of himself in the film. John Major also turned cameraman 30,000 feet in the air on the Tory jet for Sweeney's film.

But shortly afterwards Sweeney committed his unforgivable sin: he filmed the prime minister on the plane giving journalists one of those off-the-record briefings which never took place. The reporters were even more outraged



than the prime minister. A Tory party spokesman says: "We hadn't realised what sort of filming he was going to do. He was intruding on the other reporters' privacy." And as we all know, no one places greater emphasis on respect for privacy than journalists . . .

Barbara Cartland finished work yesterday on what she claims is her 559th book. It ends. as ever, happily - but it was not always so. "I once wrote a book in which instead of marrying a duke the heroine went off to a convent," she says. "I received so many complaints I changed it to a happy ending for the second edition".

A word from Gerald

A FURIOUS Chris Patten was badly let down yesterday by the Tory spy in the Labour camp. The espionage is entirely above-board, for each of the main parties offers full facilities to its rivals at the daily press conferences. At this election. the Tories have the advantage of going last, allowing their speakers full briefings on their rivals.

Yesterday things went seriously awry. Patten opened the Tones' press conference with an blistering attack on Gerald Kaufman. whom, he claimed. Labour was not prepared to allow out in public. What his spy had not told him was that Kaufman had fronted

Labour's press conference hait an hour earlier - and had challenged Douglas Hurd to a televised debate. Even as Patten was speaking, a gleeful Lucy Howson, the regular Labour spy in the Tory camp, was on the mobile phone telling Walworth Road about the

So what had happened to the Tory spy, the Central Office library assistant Matthew Rees? The head of the Tory research department, Andrew Lansley, says: "We did have someone there but I don't know what happened." Patten has particular reason to be unamused by the blunder. "Chris's first job when he came to Central Office. some 30 years ago was to monitor Labour's press conferences,



• Will the Albanian election pave the way for a retired British electrician to reclaim his throne? aged 74, from Stoke, claims to be a direct descendant of the 15th-century King Castriot Skanderbeg, and says his claim to the throne is far greater than King Zog's descendants. But if he issummoned back he will rule from afar. "It would be dangerous for me to go back now and I cannot our elections very much. Why speak the language," he says. don't the British enjoy theirs?"

Ballot Russe

WITH the fervour of the converted, MPs from the Russian Federation have taken one look at the British election and decided that although Moscow may have does these things rather better.

"In your country, elections seem to be about negative tactics and public cynicism," says Dimitri Rogozorin, a 29-year-old MP in the Russian Federation. He has been shocked by the Tory posters that read "You can't trust Labour". "I wouldn't trust anyone who did something like that," he says. "No party in Russia would produce such a poster."

Rogozorin is in London with a hundred other delegates mainly from Eastern European countries for a conference at Lancaster House, organised before the election was announced. The delegates spent yesterday campaigning with the Liberal Democrats in Richmond, while today they will be on the stump with the Conservatives in Streatham and with Labour in Battersea.

Rogozorin - a hero of the barricades outside Moscow's White House during the coup last August
is shocked by the apathy he has found. "Here people don't seem to care who they vote for because democracy is stable. In Russia it is much more serious because who you vote for determines not only how soon people get freedom but Prince Charles Castriot De Renzi, whether or not they get a piece of sausage. We will never get bored of

Daniela-Carmen Crasnaru, the Romanian MP and writer, was even more scathing. "If the British had seen our lives in the past 45 years, they wouldn't be cynical about elections. We are enjoying don't the British enjoy theirs?"

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THE DEEPEST DIVISION

The Tories want to switch attention in the election campaign to foreign affairs. This is a subject on which they have been and are strong, and Labour both has been and is weak. Are they right and would the country. be wise to heed them?

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se O'Brien

There is little realistically to choose between the two big parties in most areas of foreign policy. The famous cliché remains true, that British interests are best protected by identifying them with American interests. Transatiantic bipartisanship underpins policy in the Gulf and towards Eastern Europe. In practice it also applies to policy towards South Africa, the Middle East, Gatt and collective security. Even on defence daylight is hard to detect between Labour and Tory.

The public need not worry that British interests round the world will be seriously jeopardised by a Labour government. John Major and Douglas Hurd auditioned yesterday as a more convincing double act on the international stage than Neil Kinnock: and Gerald Kaufman. Mr Kaufman's cantankerous nitpicking of Mr Hurd's every move suggests a smallness of mind alien to the practice of diplomacy. But high office could yet raise his game.

However, in one area of policy - the European Community — bipartisanship is not present. True, the Tories may talk tougher than they are inclined to act, while Labour may find itself having to act tougher than it has so far talked. But a deep divide separates Mr Kinnock and Mr Major on European union. And however little it may feature in the election, this area of policy will be crucial to the government of Britain over the next decade. Since the party leaderships disagree so fundamentally on it, few matters

deserve more attention from the voters. At the time of Maastricht, Mr Kinnock and Mr Kaufman, with apparent sincerity, castigated the performance of the British team for lack of commitment to economic and political union. Labour would have signed the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty. It would have extended the activities of the Brussels Commission and of the European parliament. There appear to be few areas of "competence" into which Labour would not wish to see Jacques Delors. and his commissioners extend their remit.

Labour's fintation with Brussels may have been a passing affair, a calculation that any prevailing philosophy to the left of Thatcherism could not be all bad: The enemy of my enemy is my friend". A Labour government, finding the EC denying it some of its programme, may regret having been so enamoured of federalism. With a minimum of grace, Mr Kaniman did accept the Conservative position that control of European economic and monetary policy remain firmly in the hands of national governments, co-ordinated through the ministerial council structure. Labour does not want a fully independent central European bank on the

Bundesbank model. None the less, the path to European economic and political union well demonstrates Mr Kinnock's political thought process. A federal Europe is presented by M Defors and his acolytes in Brussels as the continental apotheosis of a planned and regulated economy, with a central authority asserting social priorities, protecting labour and industrial cartels and ordering international tax redistribution. This is not based on any USA model: this is a far more interventionist regime, rooted in a far more interventionist political culture. Labour has understandably seized on the Delors vision as one of its few

"post-socialist" articles of faith. While Mr Major has indeed taken Britain deeper into the EC - dangerously into the ERM as Chancellor, rehiciantly towards EMU at Maastricht - he and his colleagues remain suspicious of further steps towards supranationality. Mr Major says he was satisfied that the Maastricht treaty was "the best possible treaty for the UK and for Europe." But his alarm in the run-up to the treaty was well justified; his attempt to reform it and delay monetary union was sound; his refusal to sign the social chapter

was wholly in Britain's interest. For Labour to abrogate yet more freedom of economic manoeuvre is indefensible. For it to do so when many sensible politicians on the continent of Europe, including left-wing ones, are growing wary of economic and political union, is stupid and archaic. This is not just one more election issue; over the lifetime of the next Parliament, it could prove the most important of all.

DECAY OF THE DENTIST

John Major and his ministers angrily deny that they are privatising the National Health Service. In dentistry creeping privatisation is taking place none the less. In London and the South East, those who are not old or young or poor will have a struggle to find a dentist willing to accept them as an NHS patient. Only 4 per cent of adults in the town of Bromley. Kent, have access to such treatment. The Times reports today. Nationally, one in four dentists are turning away NHS patients. Why?

Many dentists dislike providing NHS care. Permission from dental service administrators has to be sought before embarking on expensive treatments. NHS dentists are forced to use inferior materials. They are also forced, under the new dental NHS contract, to register patients and accept continuing 24- hour responsibility for them. They are paid for this trouble, but their NHS fees have been cut back. Meanwhile, dental charges. which raise £400 million a year for the NHS. have gone up. Adult patients now pay 75 per cent of the cost of their treatment, up to a maximum of £200. Many dentists find it simpler to persuade adult customers to pay in full, and stay clear of the NHS altogether.

Robin Cook for Labour promised yesterday to rescue the NHS dentist. He will be revealing his £1 billion NHS spending plan today, but has already pledged that his party would reintroduce free dental checks and would end other charges as and when

finance permits. Tory ministers insist dentistry is safe in their hands. They point out that pensioners, pregnant women, children and those on income support do not have to pay for treatment. They maintain that enough dentists remain to treat such patients. Nor

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are they sympathetic to dentists' claims for more money when fees have gone up faster, than inflation, when average earnings are comfortably in excess of £30,000 a year, and when some hard-working dentists enjoy sixfigure incomes.

There is, however, a more radical question which ministers do not ask, at least in public. Should the state not welcome the decline in NHS dentistry? Is privatisation not the sensible way to provide dental services for adults? Denristry used to be about recifying tooth decay. Fluoride means children today are virtual strangers to cavities and fillings. Despite the sugar lobby, parents now understand that their offspring must not gorge sweets. The era of drill-and-fill is now universally deplored, and prevention is the

This has not meant fewer dentists. On the contrary: the number of dentists in practice has risen from 11,900 in 1961 to 18,600 today. Dentists have diversified. They polish. they straighten, they cap. From their point of view, this is understandable. Otherwise, their onerous training would be wasted. If patients wish to have prettier, cleaner mouths, no one can object. But the NHS should not be paying for work which is essentially cosmetic.

Since patients pay for three quarters of the cost when they go to NHS dentists; since many of them seem to be willing to pay the extra quarter to be treated privately; and since so much bureaucracy is involved in dealing with that remaining quarter, it is time the pretence that dentistry has to be an integral part of a universal NHS was dropped. The NHS should concentrate on preventative dentistry, and on the 42 per cent of charge-exempt patients. The private market will look after the rest.

MAESTRO OF ECONOMICS

Politicians, preoccupied with the next soundbite, rarely have time to reflect on the ultimare sources of their policies and beliefs. But they owe more to political thinkers such as Friedrich von Hayek than they care to admit. The last and most universally gifted product of the Austrian school of economists died during a British election campaign in which his ideas about the nature and functions of the state are, for the most part unwittingly, the subject of daily argument and diatribe.

Having outlived many of those who ignored or ridiculed him during the lean decades when he was dismissed as an antediluvian crank, Hayek saw many of his convictions vindicated in his last years. He was right about the unviability of centrally planned economies, the indispensability of the "spontaneous order" of the market, and the pernicious role of governments in causing inflation. By 1989, his time had come even in the heartlands of socialism.

Other no less integral parts of his political thought have not yet found widespread enough support to be put into practice. None of the parties in this election advocates an end to progressive income tax, for instance; nor would the Treasury readily sanction anything as radical as Hayek's dizzying vision of denationalising the currency. With hindsight, The Road to Serfdom, his most famous book, now seems unduly gloomy about the prospect of a collapse of civil society under the burden of the welfare state.

Yet the seemingly abstract edifice of the Hayekian theory of liberty deserves to be visited by practising legislators even more than by others. Because he did not believe in

the efficacy of reforms, and because he never sought to promote his own version of social justice, Hayek's criticisms were more than usually disinterested. No academic has ever been less ready to flatter those in office, and a healthy scepticism about the motives of political conduct informs all his works. Hayek called himself a Whig: "Why I am

not a conservative" is the title of a celebrated chapter in The Constitution of Liberty. Such an anachronistic allegiance might seem in absurd contrast to his central European background. But among the Viennese patriciate from whose ranks he sprang, Hayek was not the only Anglophile liberal. Like his cousin Wittgenstein and many of their kind, Hayek found refuge in Britain from the lunacy of totalitarianism. Though he lived in Chicago and Freiburg during the last few decades of his life, he returned eagerly to his billet at the Reform Club whenever the opportunity arose. He loved to breathe the same air that Hume and Smith. Ricardo and Mill had done; and he valued British institutions, above all the common

law, more than most Britons. Ideas are never the possession of one party, still less of one prime minister. Hayek admired Margaret Thatcher, but his relations with her were never close. He was no. Aristotle to her Alexander. His contention that equality and liberty were incompatible aims placed him on Mrs Thatcher's side during her confrontation with the trade unions. But his theories were never meant to be apologies for her practice. Hayek's name deserves to be honoured by those of all parties and of none.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BMA meeting on Election 92: business and science votes, overseas aid NHS reforms Prom Mr David L. Crosby

and others

Sir, On March 26 the British Medical Association holds a controversial representative meeting to consider the NHS reforms and the BMA council's document, Leading for Health. The cost of this meeting will add significantly to the £2.2 million already dissipated in the campaign against the NHS and Community Services Bill of 1990.

The fact is that the many disasters forecast by the opponents of the reforms have not occurred. Far from old ladies being deprived of their medicines and the chronic sick neglected, there is increasing evidence of a new sensitivity to the needs of general practitioners and their patients by NHS hospitals.

Neither directly managed nor trust hospitals can now afford to sit back and expect patients to endlessly wait. It can be no surprise too that the numbers of general practitioners favouring budget-holding have dou-bled; and 20 per cent more are no

Inger opposed to that concept.

The separation of purchaser from provider is producing large improvements in throughput and the quality of patient care. The NHS had become complacent and always too ready to blame underfunding.

In the hospitals, better manage-ment, competitive tendering, the devolution of decision-taking and the involvement of clinicians in their management have created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and a willingness to make better use of resources. There is, too, a welcome emphasis on higher standards and

We support reforms which are essential steps in ensuring the focusing of resources for the continuance of a comprehensive National Health Service, free at the point of delivery. Yours faithfully,

DAVID L CROSBY (Consultant surgeon), RUSSELL HOPKINS (Consultant maxillofacial surgeon). MICHAEL ROSEN (Professor in anaesthetics) University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff. March 24.

Orthodoxy and Duke From the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe

Sir, Your article (March 18) about the possibility of a visit by the Duke of Edinburgh to the Ecumenical Patriarch made sad reading, and shows little understanding of the importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which ranks as the first of all the holy Orthodox churches through-"minocity seet". His All Holiness Burtholomew I is

already a much respected leader by Chromana of all denominations, and as the son of a barber is well qualified to share in the ministry of Jesus, the good shepherd of our souls, who himself was trained in a carpenter's shop. It was surprising to read that the present patriarch lives in a few ramshackie buildings, when the patriarchate has been most beautifully restored in recent years (the greate part of it was burnt down at the beginning of the second world war).

who regards himself as primus inter names but the entire Orthodox world. composed not only of Orthodox Christians from south-eastern Europe but from every continent in

TJOHN GIBRALTAR, 5a Gregory Place, March 19.

Kemptown candidate

From Mrs Jaquetta James Sir, As the widow of David James, the Conservative defeated in Brighton Kemptown in 1964, I can assure Sir Robert Rhodes James ("Here's to the Class of '59", March 14) that far from my husband being absent during the election campaign, 1 drove him daily round the constit-uency in the loudspeaker van throughout the three weeks, as well as to his evening meetings. He missed canvassing only one morning when he had lost his voice.

The fact that my husband was later adopted for North Dorset, a seat he held from 1970 until he retired in 1979, indicates that Central Office did not attribute the loss of Kemptown to him personally.

Yours faithfully, JAQUETTA:JAMES. Tomsay Castle, Isle of Mull, Argyll. March 16.

Payment of legal fees

From the Chairman of the Bar and the President of the Law Society Sir, The Lord Chancellor's letter

(March 21) on legal fees is a shade

disingenuous, on two counts. 1. Civil legal aid: The Lord Chancellor concedes that he presides over a scheme which allows payment ofonly 54 per cent after 12 months (solicitors) or 62 per cent after 18 months (barristers), following the issue of a legal aid certificate. In the nature of things, legal work begins very soon after the issue of the certificate: if bills are assessed, on average, at about 75 per cent of the sum claimed, what is the justification

say, three months? May we offer the answer? It is a

deliberate device to delay payment for work properly done. As such, it does not differ in principle from the vice the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2. Criminal legal aid: In cases units can aim for is three months are lengthening. The delays are a under-manned system.

£21,060 upper limit on National Insurance contributions. Why spend more money on education and

Sir, As a middle-aged, middle-class, self-employed businessman with a training if we are going to encourage wife and two children who has voted our best to flee the country? Conservative for 20 years, I wonder if We have not individually or collec-Sir Allen Sheppard et al (letter. March 17) could tell me, in the light tively made huge fortunes in recent years as others have done through of the following, why I should do so this time? Thanks to Messrs Saatchi, Saatchi and Patten, "whammy" seems to be the word of the moment. Let us

consider the government's triple Whamuny: I. In 1987-8, while John Major was want to punish us? chief secretary to the Treasury, the Yours faithfully. economy was allowed to overheat,

which caused the present recession; 2. To correct the situation John The Well House. Major, as Chancellor of the Ex-Malshanger, Hampshire. chequer, presided over 15 per cent interest rates for 12 months, which caused the recession to be the longest and deepest in living memory; 3. In the last six months, while John

Major has been prime minister, the PSBR has rocketed to the point where it is equivalent to 13p off the standard rate of income tax. City analysis to a man were knocked for six at the figure of £28 billion.

From Mr Philip D. Greatorex

Yet, still, all we hear from government ministers is that our rate of inflation is now lower than that of Germany fjust). Is that surprising when Germany currently has huge inflationary pressures? And why is it considerably higher than that of socialist France after the pain of our record levels of bankruptcies, business failures, house repossessions and nearly three million people unemployed?

I do not reish John Smith's tax proposals. In fact, I deplore them, but I respect his honesty and integrity for telling me what to expect, so that I can budget for it. It is a refreshing change from a prime minister and Chancelor of the Exchequer who until recently have denied the very existence of reces-

Yours faithfulk PHILIP D. GREATOREX. 37 West Park, Minehead, Somerset.

From Mr George Plint

Sir, I am the managing director of a small engineering company which employs 55 people. Last year our turnover was £2 million, of which 90 per cent was export. A substantial proportion of our sales was to major companies in the USA, Japan and Germany.

Our success depends heavily on high-quality engineers and tech-nicians. Well before the age of 30 a good graduate engineer (a highly saleable commodity overseas) can earn substantially more than the

Iraq's weapons

From the Director of the Institute of Economic and Political Studies

Sir, I must dispute your leading article, "America's risky course" (March 16). The early elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and missile production facilities can be accomplished at an acceptable political and military price. Target location is not an insuperable problem. Accurate intelligence can be gathered and properly assessed to enable the Tomahawk cruise musiles to strike with surgical accuracy.

Clearly in the absence of specific military action - and not merely the threat to resort to it - President Saddam Hussein has achieved a striking diplomatic triumph over the UN simply by blocking the UN inspection teams. The failure to

Nuclear accidents From the Director, Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons

Sir, This morning's media frisson surrounding the first reports of the nuclear accident near St Petersburg reveals an awareness which is so

often buried. While we wait to hear what the damage is and to whom, more political reflection is needed on what is to be done about civil and military nuclear facilities in the CIS and eastern Europe, and not just there

but here and across the globe.

How many accidents, and they will continue to occur, do we need before all nuclear programmes are shut down and the best scientific brains we have are assembled to find out if the nuclear genie, or most of it, can be stuffed back in the bottle which, with the benefit of hindsight, our leaders were so unwise to uncork? Yours faithfully.

TONY SMYTHE, Director, Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, 601 Holloway Road, N19. March 24.

for not allowing that proportion after

involving a claim of more than £4,000, the best the central taxing after the case is "ready to tax". That target is not met on the South Eastern Circuit (the largest). Delays function of an under-funded and

The system of annual negotiations.

property speculation, mergers and acquisitions or Eurobond dealing.

We have made adequate returns and salaries through making and selling things and through hard work and innovation in a very competitive market. Why does the Labour party GEORGE PLINT.

From Dr Terence Kealey

Sir, In their attempt at pushing science into the party political de-bate, Professor Paul Nurse et al write (letter, March 23):

Between 1981 and 1991, government funding of the science base fell from 0.35 per cent...to 0.28 per cent of GDP... This shortfall has not...been balanced by an equivalent increase in industrially funded research and development.

This is a misleading statement: first, government funding did not fall, but British GDP rose (dramatically); and secondly, other sources of funding for science also rose dramatically over that time (industrial, charitable and private funding for university science all doubled during the 1980s).

The crucial statistic is this: during the 1980s, the numbers of university academics rose by 700 a year, and there are now 7,000 more than there were ten years ago. This is not

During the 1980s, many prominent scientists claimed that British science was in decline. This has done great harm: first, the transparent falsity of the claim dismayed those who believed that scientists would always put truth above politics; and secondly, the claim damaged the morale of young researchers who trusted their seniors' statements.

There are, of course, problems in science and the universities (the career structure, for example) but since these problems are largely of our own making, we should not use them to fuel our party-political commitments.

Yours faithfully, TERENCE KEALEY, University of Cambridge, Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge. March 23.

prevent this because of short-term electoral considerations on either side of the Atlantic threatens inter-

national security. The dispatch of an allied armada should not be an exercise in nonbelligerent power to promote the pressing electoral ambitions of either President Bush or Mr John Major. The current build-up of the US strike force should be a serious deployment of usable power directed at specific targets identified by the UN as constituting a potential threat to world peace.

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS, Director, INSTER. Warkworth House, Warkworth Terrace,

Breakfast survey

March 19.

From Mr Egon Ronay Sir, Joe Joseph was quite correct in reporting ("Airport breakfast wins flying colours", March 23) that "plenty of money" was paid for surveying, and reporting on, breakfasts at Heathrow over a period of three months. That's what it took for me to assemble a team of four, including myself, to carry out the task of testing well over 700 items of food and breakfast drinks, and to put together and publish a magazine about the operation, to which distin-

guished journalists are contributing. But Mr Joseph was not correct to doubt the anonymity or otherwise of our daily, early-morning visits to 23 catering outlets. Most of the time we were not recognised and when. towards the end, we were, how could the food turned out on a mammoth scale suddenly be improved because of my presence? And even if it had, that alone would be worth "plenty of money".

Yours faithfully. EGON RONAY. 37 Walton Street, SW3.

March 23.

followed by a solution imposed by the Lord Chancellor, is time-wasting and arid. We suggest an independent review body able to make objective recommendations about the level of fees and the question of delays. We have nothing to fear from such a strutiny. Has the Lord Chancellor? Yours faithfully.

GARETH WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Bar. PHILIP ELY (President of the Law Society). The General Council of the Bar, 3 Bedford Row, WC1.

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From Professor Earl Russell Sir. Professor Paul Nurse. FRS. and others, on the funding of science, make a strong case against the government. I observe that their

letter does not express a preference between the opposition parties. The Liberal Democrats will immediately increase the science budget to 0.35 per cent of GDP. The signatories of the letter will no doubt wish to consider whether Labour can match this commitment, as well as their other beliefs and the political situation in their constituencies, before deciding to which of the opposition parties they will give their

support Yours sincerely, RUSSELL, House of Lords.

From Mrs Ann Clwyd Sir, The world's one billion poor. people may be off the election agenda of other parties and of the media, but I can assure your correspondents from six leading development agencies (letter, March 20) that they are firmly on Labour's agenda. Just two weeks ago we launched a document outlining our

development policies. A Labour government will upgrade the Overseas Development Administration of the Foreign Office to a new Department of International Development, with a secretary of state in the Cabinet.

Britain's aid programme has been slashed by 17 per cent in real terms since 1979, reaching an all-time low of 0.27 per cent of GNP. Labour will aim to meet the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of GNP within five years — the lifetime of a full Parliament. Our policy document, A World of Difference, defines how our revitalised aid programme will focus on the poorest people (particularly women), the poorest countries and on protecting the environment.

Labour will promote new mea-sures for Third World debt relief, changing the law affecting the tax system to encourage British banks to reduce commercial debt, while working with like-minded governments to ensure that debts owed to the EC and World Bank are alleviated. We will promote greater and fairer trade for the poorest countries, particularly through reform of the common

agricultural policy. The public has shown time and again that it does care about development. These policies show that Labour cares too.

Yours sincerely, ANN CLWYD (Shadow minister for overseas development), 13c Canon Street, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan. March 21.

'Invisible' women

From Mrs Sue Boswell Sir, Impressive as University College

London's record of equal opportunity is (letter, March 23), we at Goldsmiths' can claim that in this area we are leading the way: our six women professors out of 18 amount to 33.3 per cent of the total against a national average of about 3 per cent. Women make up 30 per cent of our senior lecturers (national average less than 9 per cent), 26.3 per cent of our readers, 38.8 per cent of our heads of department and 33.3 per cent of our deans. Our administration is over 50 per cent female and we have women, such as our academic registrar, in

key administrative positions.

The college's equal opportunities committee continues to seek ways of increasing these percentages, and also of encouraging more women into the traditionally male nonteaching areas, such as maintenance and portering staff.

Yours faithfully, SUE BOSWELL (Senior Assistant Registrar), Goldsmiths' College. New Cross, SE14.

Referendum issue

From Mr Eric D. Morley Sir, R. W. Johnson (article, March 16) gives the possibility of South Africa being excluded from the Miss World contest as being among insubstantial themes" put forward by those advocating a yes vote in the recent referendum.

Such contests are not insubstantial to most of the world. Over 80 countries take part in Miss World and, of those, over 50 see it as a television show, representing 700 million viewers. Last year alone the contestants raised over \$100,000 for children's charities.

Yours faithfully. ERIC D. MORLEY (Executive Chairman), Miss World (Jersey) Ltd., 21 Golden Square, W1.

Non-vintage cricket

From Mr Stephen Gall

127 Crookston Road,

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr A. P. F. Williamson (March 24) provided me with my first taste of a new South African whine I found it fairly unpalatable - perhaps the grapes were too sour? Yours faithfully, STEPHEN GALL

Eltham, SE9.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 24: His Excellency Mr Babooram Mahadoo was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Mauritius in London.

His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the High Commission: Mr Bye Muslim Dilmahamood (Deputy High Commissioner): Mr ooghen Thancanamootoo (First Secretary): Miss Marie Chantal Edouard (First Secretary. Tourism); Miss Satyavatee Ramdoyal (Second Secretary); Mr Ramprakash Beeharry (Second Secretary) and Mr Keswar

Dooraree (Attaché). Mrs Mahadoo was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present, and the Household in Waiting were in attendance. Mr John Field (British High

Commissioner to Sri Lanka) was received by The Queen.

Mrs Field was also received by
Her Majesty.

Mr Terence Wood was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Vienna.

Mrs Wood was also received by

Her Majesty. The Prince Edward, Chairman The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this morning visited Northgare High School, Ipswich, Suffolk to open the Northgare Arts Centre, and was received by Major General Jack Dye (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of

His Royal Highness visited Alconbury High School, Royal Air Force Alconbury, and Hinchingbrooks School, Cambridgeshire, and was received by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieusenant of Cambridgeshire). The Prince Edward this afternoon presented the prizes for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Regional 'Golden Putter' Com-Magdalen College

School, Oxford Awards have been made as follows in 1992: Agualente School-Pales Major Scholerships V.E. Pansi, Christ Church Cathedrai School, Oxford M.T.-, O'Sullivan, MCS, fermeri-Lanesborough School, Guliaford: T. Schloter, MCS, formerly Krebs? School, Copenhagen; J.S. Turber, MCS, for-ments Temple Cowley Ethool, Culteri,

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petition at the Gog Magog Golf Club, Cambridgeshire. His Royal Highness subsequently visited St Mary's School, Cambridge, viewed displays in the Design and Technology Centre, and a display by students of Homerton College.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 24: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning from

Lieutement Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance. The Prince of Wales, Trustee this evening attended a Dinner to

mark the opening of the Rem-brandt Exhibition at the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2. Miss Belinda Harley was in

The Princess of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this evening from Budapest. The Lady Sarah McCorquo-dale. Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Richard Arbiter were in

Kensington Palace March 24: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon,
Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The
Royal Anglian Regiment, today
received Major-General A. J. G.
Pollard on relinquishing his appointment as Deputy Colonel 1st Battalion, and Major-General

Michael Walker on assuming this KENSINGTON PALACE March 24: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, the British Museum, this evening opened the Exhibition "Wu Guanzhong: A Chinese Paimer" at the British Museum, London, WC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 24: The Duke of Kent,
Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal
Regiment of Fusiliers, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel
G. W. Henderson and Lieuten-

ant-Colonel S. H. P. Sanderson

MBE, on handover of command of the 2nd Battalion.

Reception English-Speaking Unnon
Mr David Thorp, Director-General of the English-Speaking
Union of the Commonwealth,
and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, deputy director-general, received the guests at a reception held last night at Dartmouth House after a talk given by Mr Nigel Hawthorne. Mr Kevin Cahill presided and Mrs Milchell and Mr Thorp

Sir John Starr Paget

A service of thanksgiving for Sir John Starr Paget will be held on Friday, April 3, at Christ Church, Victoria Road, London, W8, at



The Princess of Wales backstage at Hungary's State Opera House in Budapest talking to dancers with the English National Opera, of which she is patron, after a gala performance. The Princess returned to London last night having earlier visited a refugee camp near the Yugoslav border

Birthdays

today Sir Brian Bailey, former chair-man, Health Education Auman, Health Education Air thority, 69; Major Sir Shane Blewin, royal equerry, 57; Mr Humphrey Burton, artistic ad-viser, Barbican Centre, 61; Lord Crawshaw, 59; Professor Mary Douglas, anthropologist, 71; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, anthropoligist, 91: Professor Sir Patrick Forrest, surgeon, 69: Mr Robert Fox. theanical producer, 40: Miss Aretha Franklin, singer, 50: Sir Peter Gibbings, chairman, Anglia Television Group, 63: Mrs Penelope Gillian, writer, 60: General Sir James Glover, 63.

Mr Benjamin Hanbury, race-horse trainer, 46; Mr David Hicks, interior designer and author, 63; Professor Sir Norman gynacologist, 85; Mr Riton John, singer, 45; the Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archbishop of Wales, 58; Sir Bernard Miller, former chairman, John Lewis Partners chairman, John Lews Partners unionist, 56: Mr Peter Orchard, chairman, De La Rue Company, 65; Lord Quinton, 67; the Earl of Stradbroke, 55: Mr Peter Walker, 60: Mr Michael Whitiam, director-general, the British Red Cross Society, 45.

Luncheon

HM Gerenment

Turkish Armed Forces.

Field Marshal Sir Richard Vin-cent, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Admiralty House in hon-

Museum snaps up a Gainsborough

By JOHN SHAW AN IMPORTANT portrait by Thomas Gainsborough is to go on show at the artist's birthplace in Sudbury, Suffolk, after being bought for

£67,500 from an American art gallery. The picture shows Harriet Viscountess Tracy and dates from the early 1760s when the artist was strongly influenced by Van Dyck. The study was bought by Kay Kimbell to form part of the Kimbell art museum collec-

tion at Fort Worth, Texas, in Over the past five years the

museum had gradually dis-posed of its British paintings

Today's royal

engagements

Ouesn Elizabeth the Queen Mother, as Commandant-in-Chief of the WRAC, will attend a service in Guildford Cathedral at 12.30 and will visit the Corps at the WRAC Centre. The Duchess of Kent, as Controller Com-mandant of the WRAC, will also attend the service. The Prince of Wales will open

the "Rediscovering Pompeii" exhibition at the Academiia Italiana, Rutland Gate, at 4.00. Princess Margaret, as President will give a reception at Kensing- to the Bishopric of Wakefield.

reasonable price." The painting will go on show from March 31.

and the Gainsborough por-

trait went on sale at Sotheby's last autumn. It

failed to meet its reserve price

and was eventually bought

for the Gainsborough House Museum using money from the Museum and Galleries

Commission purchase grant fund and the National Art

Hugh Belsey, curator of

Gainsborough's House, said:

"This is an important addi-tion to our collection and I

am very pleased that we have been able to buy it at such a

Collections Fund.

ton Palace for Queen's Guides at 5.00. The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Westyan Assurance Society's new headquarters at Colmore Circus. Birmingham, at 10.30; and will visit Tudor Webasco at noon.

New Bishop of Taunton

The Ven John Hubert Richard Lewis, Archdescon of Ludlow, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Taunton in succession to the Right Rev Nigel Simeon 23.

Dinners Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts at
a dinner held last night at City

Hall. Among those present were: Hill. Among those present were law and Lady Mishon, Ruth Lady Wolfson, Lord and Lady Mishon, Lord and Lady Wolfson, Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice and Lady Woolf, the Hon Geyneth Durwoody, Str. David and Lady Alliance, Str. Geoffrey and Ledy Leigh, Str. Peter and Lady Leyene, Lady Lipworth. Str. Peter and Lady Miller, Str. Sigmund and Lady Miller, Str. Sigmund and Lady Serniberg, Mr. Rüts Birk and Baroness Birk, the Chief Rabol and Mr. Sacht, Mr. Jarvis Assaire, Mr. and Mr. Sacht, Mr. Jarvis Assaire, Mr. and Mr. Edmund de Rodischild, Rabbi and Mr. Hugo Gryn, the Rev Simon and Mr. Hass, Mr. and Mr. Viciar Hochhauser, His Bosour Alan King-Hamilton, QC. Major and Mr. P. V. Porter, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Jocelyn Sievens, Mr. Nad Temiko and Mr. Paul Zetter.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Herr G.O. Bruder, Professor Otto H. Schleie, Mr. Nicolas Wolfers and Sir Martin Wood also spoke Sir Mardn Wood also spoke.

Among those present were: The German Ambassador, the Rari of Halsbury. Viscount Caldecors. Lord Beloff, Lady Butterworth, Lord Flowers. Lord Fasser of kindmaneck, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Lord Neison of Stafford, Barones Ferry of Southwest, Lord Stackleton, Sir Austin Bide. Sir John Cadogan, Sir Fonald Hastead, Sir Inn. Lloyd, Sir Round Mason, Sir Williams Mitchell and Sir Fragh Rossi.

Honorary knight

Mr. Floris Mailers, chairman of Unilever NV, has been appointed an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (Hon KBE) in recognition of his service to Britain. Sir Michael Jenkins, British Ambassador to The Natherlands, presented the

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.C. Dallo

and Mins K.J. Pitomin The engagement is announced between Mark younger son of the late Mr Jim Dalton and of Mrs Pam Dalton, of Wareham, Dorset, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles Pitman, of Heath House, Albury, Hernfordshire,

Mr DJ.H. Gaskin and Miles V.A. Wild

The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.D. Gaskin, of Bungay, Suffolk, and Victoria, younger daughter of Group Captain and Mrs M.S. Wild, Radcliffe on Trent,

Nottinghamshire. Mr P.C. Goddeni and Miss S.A. McGurk

The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Goddard, of Abridge, Essex, and Sharlie, younger daughter of Major R.N.B. McGurk. of Malta, and Mrs S. McGurk, of Bali.

Mr A.S. Gyori and Miss F.S. Hoss The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs between Andrew, son of Mrs Mary Gyori, of London, NW2, and Dr Peter Gyori, of Budapest, Hungary, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Ross, of London, SW6.

Mr A.I. Haires

mr A.I. Hanses
and Min S.C. Vincenck.
The engagement is announced
between Austen, son of Mr
and Mrs Philip Haines,
of Biggleswade, and Susan,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald
Vinestock of Carmforth.

Dv R.P. Hobson and Miss E.E. Bainbridge The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the Rev and Mrs P.J.B. Hobson, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S. Bainbridge, of Cambridge.

Mr D.D.W. Leach

and Miss C.L. Freeman The engagement is announced between David, son of Captain and Mrs A. C. D. Leach. of Warsash, Hampshire, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Freeman, of

Mr P.A.F. Milne

Northwood, Middlesex.

and Miss J.S. Rose The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Milne, of Deverel House, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset, and Jane, only daughter of the late Mr Kenneth Ross and of Mrs Terry Ross, of

Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr J.H. Robinson and Miss E.A. Robins The engagement is announced between Jonathan Heiston, son of the late Mr P.M. Robinson and of Mrs J. Robinson, of Bristol, and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Robinson, of Hawdon, Cambridgeshire.

Mr C.J. Zeal and Mine L.V. Godsel
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son

of Mr and Mrs Michael Zeal, o Westoon, Surrey, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr Alan and Lady Elizabeth Godsal, of Haines Hill,

Marriage Dr A.H. Belear-Fromhau and Miss G. dr Wardener The marriage took place in London on March 21, of Abol Hassan, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Mehdi Bolour-Froushan, of Tehran, to Gabrielle, daughter of

Professor Hugh de Wardener and Mrs Jill de Wardener, both of

Anniversaries

Supper The Chartered Institute

stitute. The guests were:

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators held a Chairman's Supper at the Athenseum Club, London on March 19, 1992. The supper was hosted by Mr I.W. Menzies, BSc. I.LB, CEng, FICE, MIStructE, FRSA, FCIArb, Chairman of the Chartered In-

Mr D & Bland (director general, the Charmad Immunion Learning, Mr 3 W. Hays occurred general, the Lea Scottly, Mr C Sharping Chairman, the Securities and Parares Authority, Mr R Smith president, Institute of Legal Executives, Lady Wilcon (chairman, National Consumer Council), Mr B A Harris (president, the London Manistine Arbitrature Australia, Mr M Gore (general council of Australia, Mr J General Chairman of Council of Australia, Mr J General Chairman of Council of Australia, Mr Gores (mineral council of the Bay, Mr J Brindley (head, Council of the Bay, Mr J Brindley (head), As A G Bowen (secretary & head of Legal Service, ASTA), —Mr A C Inglese (legal director, Office of Par Trading), Mrs Jean Singley (senior vice president, the Institute of Chairman (head), Mr R J Hostone (deputy president, the Institute of Chairman (head), Mr R J Hostone (deputy president, the Institute of Chairman (head), Mr R J Hostone (deputy president, the Institute of Chairman (head), Mr R J Hostone (head), Mr R J Hostone

BIRTHS: Henry II, reigned 1154-89, Le Mans, France, 1133: Giovanni Amid, astronomer, Modena, Italy, 1786; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, Parma, It-aly. 1867; Gutzon Borgium, sculptor, Bear Lake, Idaho, 1867; Bela Barrok, composer, Nagyszent Miklos, Hungary, 1881. DEATHS: Nicholas Hawks-moor, architect, London, 1736; Anna Seward, the "Swan of Lichfield", poet and novelist, Lichfield, Staffordshire, 1809; Lichteid, Staffordshire, 1809; Caroline Chisholm, the "emi-grants' friend", London, 1877; Frédéric Mistral, poet, Nobel laureare 1904, Maillane, France, 1914; Cahide Debussy, com-poser, Paris, 1918; John Drink-water, poet and dramarist, London, 1937; Faisaj Ibo Abdul Arts king of Serial Ambile 1044. Aziz, king of Saudi Arabia 1964-75, assassinated, Riyadh. 1975; Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Ala-mein, field-marshal, 1976.

The treaty of Rome bringing into being the European Economic Community was signed, 1957. Today is Lady Day which until 1757 was the legal beginning of ation). the year.

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Lourise.

HUNTER - On Sunday March 15th 1992. to Shernaz (mér Patel) and Graham, a daughter. Jonnifer Dawn.

LODGE - On March 13th 1992. to Julie (nee Hunter) and Sundon, a son. Thomas William Edward.

MOE - On March 19th, at Southmead Hospital. Bristol.

Southmead Hospital. Bristol.

RITCHIE - On March 22nd. to Nicki ince Harrisi and Indress, a son, Henry Thomas. Thomes.

THOM - On March 21st. lo
Juffith and Alasfair. a
daughter. Joanna. a sister for
halts and Mark.

VAN DUYNE - On February
29th. lo Madeleine ince
leukinst and Jos. a beautiful
flaughter. Genes less Anna.
Deo Gralias.

WILLIAMS - On March 21st 1992, to Caroline and Oliver, a daughter, Molly Alexandra

MARRIAGES

Saturday Marth 21st at St Mary's Church Bryanston Square, James C.F.S Lawrie, younger son of Mr Rex and Dr Jean Lawrie of Exission to Jan Scrivener, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Scrivener of Bishops Stot ford The service was conducted by Cauon John Richardson.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAVES - With deep appreciation and grateful thanks for all the kind letters

ALLEN - On March 21st 1992.

suddents. Mary Kathlen, aged 69 years Dearly beloved wife of Harry and much loved mother of Julia Gauss and Franklin and grandmother of James. grandingther of James, Taby Rossan and Tangwyn Fameral Service of St Africaet's Church, Begbroke, Numbers Chulen, Beginder, Ostinishine on Friday, Maich 27th at 12 noon, Family flowers only Dona tions to Leukaemin Research Fund, 43 Great Orniond Sitnet London WCIN 311. Sitted Comment was 355.

JOEL - On March 25td, peace fully at home, H 1 Joel i limit aged 97 Pers air funeral at title-den Orthodox Jowish Contetery on March 25th at 10 personal state.

ACCKLARIO - On Saturday
March 21st 1992, very
suddenly, Dr. Geoffrey
Auckland, aged 73 years, a
dearty foxed husband,
brother, father and
grandfather Memorial
Service will be at Delph Hill
Methodist Church, Chorley
Old Road, Bolton, on
Thursday March 26th at
1.45 pm. This will follow a
private cremation service.
Family flowers only please,
Donations in memory, if
desired, to a charity of your
own choosing as the
compassion was far
reaching, All enquiries to
Shaw & Son Funeral
Directors, The Old
Parsonage, 20 Park Street,
Bolton, 1ct; (9204) 35218.

BABINGTON - On Tuesday
March 20th 1922 seascefulty in ipswich 1992, peacefulty in ipswich 1

Funeral Service, North Sireet. Whilelacombe. Somersel. Whilelacombe. Somersel. BOLLARID - On March 22nd. peacefully at Ouckfleid House. Willering, Jeannetle Marguerite Marie, aged 93 years. Boloved mother of Joan and Barbara and the late Dorts. Dearly loved Bluey of all her grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren, Funerat at St. Margaret's Church. Margaret's Church.
Angmering. Wednesday
April 1st at 3.30 pm.
followed by burial

Patricia. Emma and Edward Private crenation followed by a service at St Mary's Church. Holme, on Friday March 27th at 3.15 pm Donations if desired to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. r/o John Lincoln. 40 Green egale, Hunstanton. Norfolk.

CARSON - On March 19th, after a long and distressing times norm with great rourage. Sidney, dearly loved and joying hushand, father and grandfather Private funeral has laken place. vale (uneral has laken place.)
DEARDEN - On March 22nd
1992, Melsya Siribling, aged
65, widow of Basil, beloned
mother of James and
Torquil, Funeral Service and
burtal al SI Michael's
Churen, Belchwolth, near
Reigale, Wednesday April 1sl
al 3 pm.

MOE - On March 19th, at Southmead Hospital, Bristel, in Joanna stree Bridgert and John, a daughter Harriel Victoria, a sister for Katharine Richard Research Control of Michael Shaw Porters, dearly loved mother of Sandy, Robert and Thomas.

THOM - On March 21st, to Jurith and Alaslair, a daughter Joanna, a sister for kath and Mark.

VAN DUYNE - On February 20th, to Madeleine meeting the sister for half and John, a beautiful flaughter. Cenetiese Anna. Den Grallas.

Den Grallas.

followed by burtal
BURLEIGH On Sunday
March 22ud 1992,
peacefully, after a short
illness in hospital, borne with
great courage. Kathleen,
dearly loved wife of Torn,
mother of Bill and Robin and
grandmother of James and
Pathtia. Emma and Edward
Private crenation followed

Nortolk.
BUTTERFIELD - On March
25rd, Enld Mary (nee
Scrivener), pearefully after a
short illness in her 91d year.
Survived by Iosing husband
Geoffrey, children and
grandchildren. Cremation,
Bournemouth Cremationium,
March 30th 12.15 pm.

CLARE - On March 24th 1992, peacefully at his home. aged 81 years. Henry (LL Col. Indian Army), A much loved husband, father and grandfather Service and cremation at Southport on Friday March 27th at 2,30pm. All enqueries to Dean Bros., Deans Court, 76 Goree Lane. Formby, tel. (197048) 72023

ELUOT - On March 22nd.
pearefully in Edinburgh,
Donald Mickay Elilol O.B.E.,
after a lifetong career in
journalism and a Rey role in
Scotlish criterns. Service al
Warriston Crematorium
Main Chapel on Friday
March 27th at 12.30 pm. Merch 27th at 12.30 pm.

FENWICK - On March 24th
1992 peacefully after a long
courageous fight. Douglas
William. In his 67th year.
Dearly losed husband of
Billie, much losed father of
Susan and Barbara. FatherIn-law of Graeme and
Martin. grandfather of
Barney, Jennifer. Tom and
James. Creatly missed by all.
Service at Chichesier Crematorium Tuesday March 31si
at 12 noon. Flowers to F.A.
Holland & Son. 3 Jubilee
Road. Chichesier of donaulons to King Edward V11
Hospital. Midhurst. Sussex
FINCHAM - On March 21st.

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courageous and loyal friend.

FINN On March: 21st suddenly at home. Bert husband of Jean and Lather of Peter. Adrian. Martin. Simon and Geoff. Funeral Service at St Thomas More Church, 390 Lordship Lane. East Dutwich. at 11 am Monday March 30th. Crematorium for tamily and close friends at 12.30 pm. Donations to imperial Cancer Research Fund. P.O. Box 123. Lincoln's Inn Fields. London WC2A Flowers to W Uden & Sons. Lid... 375 Lordship Lane. Dutwich SE22. Lane, Duiwich SE22.

HOLMES - On March 22nd
1992 at Royal Victoria Hos
pital. Edinburgh, Barbara
Evelyn mee Shrewsbury).
Widow of Robert Holmes,
late of Four Caks, Smallfield.
Surrey, Service at Warriston
Cromatorium Cloisier Cangel
on Friday March 27th at
9 45 am, to which all friends
are invited Family Rowers
only, donellons to Scottish
Hospital Endowment
Research Trust and LEPRA.

HICKSON - On March 23rd. In Swanage, peacefully after a short liness. Arthur Thomas Lister, aged 92. For many years Headmailer of Oldfeld School. Cremation private, no Rowors, donations if desired, to The Dorset Respite and Hospice Trust, P.O. Box 42. Weymouth Service of Remembrance at 81 George's Church, Langton Mairas ers, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday March 31st 1992. Enquiriel to James Smith Funeral Directors, 60A Kinga Road, Swanage, Dorset, tel: 109291 122445.

LAKE - On March 22nd 1992.
Gerard Vincent, suddenly all home. In this 83rd year.
Belot ed husband of Belty.
much loved father and grandfather. Requieth Mass and burfat, 81 Peter's Church. Mariow. Tuesday March 31st at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Mariow Rowing.
Club President's Fund c/o 32 with Speerl. Mariow

MILES - On March 21st, peacefully, Joan Evelyn, aged 63, wife of the late instructor Capitala Arthur Miles and mother of Peter and Patricka. Thanksgiving Service at East Houtiful Parish Church on Friday April 3rd at 2.30 pm No flowers at her request but donations, if desired, to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Argonistical.

JEVORS - On March 23rd
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1992. peacefully, Diana mee
Creet), widow of Gregory,
with Rebecta and family in
Duxford, Cambs, Much loved
mother, grandmother, sisterin-law to Tricla, Shiriey and
John, mother-in-law to
David and Francesta, special
friend to many, Funeral to be
held at SI Peter's, Duxtord,
on Friday March 27th at
3.30 pm followed by cremation, Family flowers only,
donations to Samaritans,
Plymouth and NACRO

MILLS - On March 22nd.
peacefully. Pamela Motra.
aged 88. formerly of Sydling
St Nicholas Widow of J P
Mills, CSI. CIE and dearly
loved mother and grandmother Funeral Service at
Yeovill Cremetorium ou
Wednesday April ist at 5pm.
All are welcome. Family
flowers only, but donations,
if desired. Io National
Childrens' Home of NSPCC
c/o Grasshy Funeral Service.
16 Princes Street.
Dorchester. Dorset tel10305) 262338.

MORRIS - On March 20th
1992, Alice Margaret (nice
Alkin), peacefully having
endured her illness very
bravely. She will be sorely
missed by Peter and Tom
and by all her family and
many Irlends. Pureral
Service will take blace at
Taunton Deate Cremeter
rum on Tuesday March 31st
at 12 noon. Family Bowers
only please but donations if
desired for St Margaret's
Somersey Hospice. c/o T.
Wicks & Son Funeral Directors. 73 High Street. Wells.

OGILVY-WEDDERSURK Off. Yr-WEDDERBURN
On March 21st. suddenly
und peacefully. Sam. darling
illille son of Gilly and Andrew
and much locad brother of
Kaile. Peter and Geordie.
after his 18 months of brave
and cheerful life Funeral at
the Kirk of the Black Watch.
Tern Hill. Market Drayton.
20m March 27th. Family
flowers only. Donations to
Neurology Research Fund
c/o Dr Brett. Creat Ormond
Birrect Hospital. Farewell our
sweet courageous and
smiling little friend.

PEARGE - On March 22nd.
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Noel (Tubby), aged 70. much
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(b) The Scottish tawse was a form of corporal punishment that was inherently more dignified than the English cane. The most feared tawse was the Lockgelly, made in the village of that name in Fife.

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theory of centrally planned economies. Hav-

ing demonstrated in debate with the left-wing

economist Oskar Lange the impracticability of

substituting a central authority for the decentralised decision-making of the market, Hayek began to develop his distinctive theory

of spontaneous order. He also wrote a cele-

brated paper - not published till 1948 in the

first of several important volumes of essays,

Individualism and Economic Order — on the two traditions of rationalism, one (beneficent)

deriving from the Scottish enlightment, the other (malevolent) from the French Revolu-tion. In The Counter-Revolution of Science (1952) Hayek later developed this rich theme

even further, into a critique of the "construc-

tivist" rationalism popular among intellectuals, of which modern socialism was only one

During the 1939-45 war, however, Hayek

had produced his one popular book, and the one for which he will always be remembered:

The Road to Serfdom. It was not intended to

be a prophecy, but to warn against the potential for creeping totalitarianism which Hayek saw hidden in the burgeoning welfarism of the Labour party after Beveridge. The Road to Serfdom has sold millions of copies,

though Hayek, like many economists a poor

though Player, like many economists a poor businessman, never made a penny from royal-ties. But from the first it made him enemies. When Churchill picked up its attack on state intervention and planning in the 1945 elec-tion campaign, Attlee made a withering refer-ence to "the Austrian Professor. Friedrich

August von Hayek" (Hayek had long since become a naturalised British subject). He was hurt more by Orwell's strictures: free competi-

tion would impose a tyranny "probably worse, because more irresponsible, than that of the

Friedrich Hayek, CH, the economist who was known as the "father of monetarism" died at his home in Freiburg in Breisgau. Germany, on March 23 aged 92. He was born in Vienna on May 8, 1899.

FRIEDRICH Havek was the last, and among the most distinguished, of the Austrian school of economists. During a long and fertile intellectual life, his wide interests enabled him to organise his ideas into one of the most original and impressive of all systems of political thought. From a single fundamental principle, which he called "spontaneous order". Hayek sought to deduce the evolution not only of markets, but of law and knowledge itself. All the greatest human achievements, he believed, arose from unintentional activity, to which human design was nearly always inimical. His work embraced psychology and the history of ideas as well as economics and political theory. Though based firmly on empirical research, in the end Hayek's philosophy amounted to a vast systematic elucidation of man and society.

Hayek never held office; nor, with the

exception of his best seller The Road to Serf-dom, did he engage in political debate. But he exercised a profound influence upon the ci-mate of thought in Britain, his adopted homeland, in America and ultimately throughout Eastern Europe. His systematic defence of individual liberty, private property and the rule of law attracted countless victims of socialism. Hayek was loathed by those who advocated state intervention into social and economic activity in order to produce a certain outcome. His last book called this vain desire the fatal conceit",

Hayek grew up in a recently ennobled Viennese family of Czech origin. His father was a professor of botany, and the Hayeks moved in a cosmopolitan milieu which Friedrich later described as philosemitic. As a young man he served in the Austrian army on the Italian front, where he met his distant cousin Ludwig Wittgenstein; the two had little

At this stage Hayek was a moderate social democrat, much influenced by the leading economist and minister Friedrich von Wieser. Only when, in his mid twenties, he met Ludwig von Mises, an uncompromising be-liever in the free market and the ideas of Adam Smith, did he abandon socialism. Having gained doctorates in both economics and law at Vienna University, Hayek worked as a civil-servant. In 1927 he became director of the Institute of Economic Research, at which he wrote important papers on monetary theory and the trade cycle, published in book form in

By the time of the collapse of the Austrian banking system in 1931. Hayek was already sufficiently well-known for Llonel Robbins to invite him to the London School of Economics, where he became Tooke Professor of Economic Science and Statistics. But his fame as an economist dates from the lectures he gave at the LSE, published as *Prices and Production* in 1931. It was a brilliant, original, brief analysis which was highly relevant to a nation suffering from a severe deflationary slump. At the age of 32, Hayek was instantly established as a serious rival to Keynes, whose star rose as the helplessness of politicians became more evident with the formation of the National Government.

H. J. "Jim" Joel, race horse own-

er, breeder and member of the

Jockey Club died on March 23

aged 97. He was born on Sep-

tember 4. 1894. JIM Joel was a pillar of the racing

establishment, albeit a most unas

suming one, and was one of the last links, through family connection, with the more spacious and sporting Edwardian era of the Turk That

connection was reinforced by the fact that, with Edward VII (when

Prince of Wales), Joel had the rare

distinction of having owned both a

winner of the Derby and of the

the Two Thousand Guineas in

1957, was his Derby triumph,

trained by the late Sir Noel Murless

and ridden by the Australian champion George Moore. He had bred

the colt, a descendant of Picture Play, winner of the One Thousand

Guineas in 1944, when she provid-

ed Joel with his first Classic success.

Joel was much admired for his

sporting but unfashionable decision

to keep his Derby winner in training as a four-year-old instead of follow-

ing the standard modern practice of

Grand National.



who maintained, against Keynes, that state intervention in general, and demand management in particular, would be more likely to prolong the depression than to curtail it. Having published a detailed critique of Keynes's Treatise on Money, Hayek was dismayed to find that the Cambridge economist had already abandoned some of his main positions in that book before the review appeared. When Keynes published his General Theory in 1934, therefore, Hayek refused to attack it — a grave error, as he later acknowledged, for Keynesian economics thereafter speedily became dominant in Britain. The two men remained on good personal terms, however, and it was Keynes who ensured that Hayek was given rooms at King's when the LSE was evacuated to Cambridge during the

Meanwhile Hayek had not been idle. He published a steady series of books and articles: Monetary Nationalism and International Stability (1937), in which he broke a lance for free trade and a substitute for the gold standard; Prices. Profits and Investment, which continued the argument of Prices and Production; and in 1941 there appeared what he hoped would be his magnum opus, The Pure Theory of Capital. This book, aimost unnoticed amid the tunuit of war, was the high watermark of Hayek's concern with technical economic theory. But the ascendancy. of Keynes had given economics an empirical thrust, and Hayek was interested neither in macroeconomic policy nor in econometrics. Unlike Keynes, he did not welcome the opportunities to gut his theories into practice offered

ecame more evident with the formation of by the quasi-socialist war economy, the National Government.

Even before 1939, however, Hayek's work had taken a new turn, with his interest in the

State". Keynes called it a "grand" book, but stuck to his advocacy of "moderate" planning. For Hayek, the Labour landslide of 1945 presaged years in the wilderness. In 1950 he therefore moved to Chicago,

where his break with formal economics was signalled by his acceptance of a chair in social and moral science. It was a fruitful time, after his last unhappy years at the LSE. He published his theory of mind and the senses. The Sensory Order, in 1952; though ignored by most psychologists, it influenced the aesthetic ideas of his fellow-Viennese E. H. Gombrich.

In 1960 came his magisterial political treatise. The Constitution of Liberty, which took many years to establish itself as a modern classic. Together with Law. Legislation and Liberty, which appeared in three volumes between 1973 and 1979, The Constitution of Liberty represents Hayek's mature political thought. Hayek is no longer primarily con-cerned to refute socialism, whether in its democratic or undemocratic forms, but turns his attention to the characteristic corruptions of liberal society.

Hayek was uncompromising in his readi-

ness to limit the meddling of politicians. His ideal was indeed mid-19th century England: he was suspicious even of J. S. Mill's egalitarian tendencies, though he edited Mill's correspondence with Harriet Taylor. He abhored what he called "weasel words", widely used by conservatives as well as social democrats, such as "social justice". All attempts to redistribute wealth were not merely inimical to the market. but to civil society itself.

In 1962 Hayek returned to Europe, this time to Freiburg in Germany, where he held a chair of economics until his semi-retirement in 1969. By this time his following around the world had grown. In Germany he had enjoyed considerable respect since Ludwig Erhard rose to power in 1948; be was close to the Ordo circle of liberal economists and jurists who influenced the Federal Republic's Basic Law. But Hayek always treated the "social market" as a propaganda tool for free

When in 1974 Hayek was awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics, jointly with his old opponent Gunnar Myrdal, it was clear that the enfant terrible of the profession had become one of its grand old men. Another triumph was the election of Mrs Thatcher's government, which was strongly influenced by think tanks in which Hayek had played an important role, above all the Institute of Economic Affairs and later also the Adam Smith Institute. Hayek played no part in the British government, but he was treated with great respect and his books were once again quoted with respect. His bold ideas on the denationalisation of money were not taken up, but his strong views on inflation undoubtedly strengthened the government's resolve not to reflate the economy during the recession of the early 1980s. In 1984, at Mrs Thatcher's instigation, Hayek was made a Companion of Honour.

Havek's last years were marred by illness, but he was able to finish The Fatal Conceit, his last book. He lived to see the collapse of communism in eastern Europe, and only in his final year or two did he lose touch with events. Hayek was twice married: to Hella von Pritsch (died 1960), by whom he had a son and a daughter, and to Helene Bitterlich. His second wife and his children survive him.

licly known as the arch-critic er of the foundation of the Institute of Economic Affairs and latterly as the arch-guru of Thatcherite economics. These facets of his long life are enough to assure him a place in British political

history. His important lesson that the market performs an important coordinating function and is the most efficient way of transmitting economic information is perhaps rather reluctantly accepted across the British political spectrum. Indeed, a recent survey of 1,000 economists' opinions conducted by the IEA itself displays some surprisingly strong antipathy to-wards Hayek's general

position.

The explanation may lie in the fact that in this country we lack both the imagination and experience to know what it is like to live under a harsh collectivist regime. Hayek is now more than required reading in eastern Europe; his market philosophy is the template for practical re-forms. Let us hope that his disciples there also appreciate his warning that markets only survive as spontaneous institutions and cannot be designed and imposed by governments.
Such is time lag between

ideas and their popular absorption (and distortion) that it is nearly 50 years ago since Hayek published *The Road* to Serfdom. Like many others, I read it on active service. in my case, I think, on the last convoy to Murmansk. With the war effort at its height and Japan and Germany on the defensive, it was easy to believe that war-time planning should be the mod-el for the future, and that the depression years of the 1930s were the inevitable manifestation of capitalist failure. Then along comes an unknown Austrian professor who stops us in our tracks. The war-time analogy, he argues, is wholly false. In war there is a consensus of aim, survival, and total war requires complete central control of the means of production. The very purpose of enduring war-time dictatorship is to restore the individual to right to make his/her own decisions, a right which would be destroyed by a centrally planned economy. No such economy can generate the in-formation required to reflect the diversity of individual choices. Even if the democratic process supports inter-vention in the belief that

there are sufficient aims held in common those who operate the controls have a vested interest in their retention and proliferation. Planned . economies are not only inefficient but morally corrupting.

One interesting result,
partly attributable to

Hayek's stirring piece d'oc-casion was that it reinforced a growing split between Keynesian liberals and Keynesian socialists. Liberals like Lionel Robbins and John Jewkes, war-time civil servants, called on their own experience to back Hayek's position. More interesting perhaps are Keynes's own views. Not long after the book's appearance he wrote to Hayek: 'Morally and philosophically I find myself in agreement with virtually the whole of it; and not only in agreement with it, but deeply moved agreement." Keynes was clearly more impressed by the moral dilmemma raised by Hayek rather than by the technical issue as to whether planning would work. There is another interesting link between them at this time. In Keynes' famous war-time plan to compensate those paying high levels of income tax by post-war credits, it is recommended that the credits should be partly financed by a capital levy on those who had made large capital gains during the war. Keynes cred-ited Hayek with this propos-al! Current extreme libertarian writing conve-

niertarian writing conveniently forgets that Keynes and Hayek had a certain rapprochement.

What of Hayek the man? A close friend of mine who had known Hayek for over 20 years, once plucked up the courage to write to him: "Dear Pritz". He received a severe reoroof. severe reproof.

In my experience, as his one-time editorial assistant at LSE, I found him courteous and helpful, but, though I met him from time to time over the years. I never felt that I got to know him any better. He was more forthcoming in correspondence. I have heard those who must have been much closer to him say much the same. At least you knew where you were with him, and one had no right to expect any more from such a towering intellectual figure.

Sir Aian Peacock Executive director of the David Hume Institute, Edinburgh, and honorary research professor in public finance at Heriot-Watt University.

JIM JOEL



Jim Joel with Grand National winner Maori Venture.

hustling him away to stud lest lack of subsequent success should devalue his worth as a stallion. The policy was both justified and richly rewarded when Royal Palace added the Coronation Cup, the Eclipse Stakes, and the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes to his former triumphs, netting a prize money total of £166,063. There was no less admiration of this popular owner because of his staunch and enthusiastic support of National Hunt racing. The leading Flat owners are not generally noted for their support of the winter game. Joel's enthusiasm brought many rewards and his crowning moment came when Maori Venture won the

The famous racing colours of "black, scarlet cap", were first made known on every racecourse in the land by Joel's father, Jack Barnato Joel, who had owned no fewer than eleven Classic winners and who. with his brother Solly, was a dominant and distinguished figure on the turf in the early years of this century. Their father (Jim Joel's grandfather) had kept the King of Prussia public house in the East End of London. It yielded only a bare living and, in their early twenties, and relatively poor, the brothers sailed for South Africa and the Kimberley diamond fields in order to join an elder

Seagram Grand National in 1987.

brother, Woolf, and their uncle Bar-Barnato (originally Barnett with the 15th Hussars. When his

Isaacs: his adopted name derived from his early days on the music halls) became, with Cecil Rhodes, one of the most influential and respected figures in the diamond industry. Under his guidance and with their own financial acumen, the brothers were millionaires before they were 30 and extended their influence beyond diamond mines to many other businesses in South Africa including breweries and collieries. Barney Barnato, however. was drowned at sea in 1897, and two years later the elder brother was murdered. So, in 1899, Solly took over leadership of their huge enterprises, while Jack returned to Eng. land to represent their companies' interests in the City - and to pursue his Turf career.

This began in 1900, and seven years later he bought, from the executors of Sir Blundell Maple, the furniture store magnate, the Childwick Bury Stud near St Albans, which he modernised.

Harry Joel Joel, later always to be known as Jim, was born in London. only son of J. B. Joel. He was educated at Malvern, and served in France during the 1914-18 War

million and the Childwick Bury Stud. Despite the earlier modernisation, the stud had declined since the days when such Derby winners as Sunstar and Humorist were foaled, and Joel had to spend a great deal of money to bring it, once again, up-to-date.

The stud showed an early return on investment when the homebred Picture Play won a warnine One Thousand Guineas in 1944, ridden by Charlie Elliott and saddled by Joel's private trainer, J. E. Watts at Foxhill. Picture Play traced to a mare called Absurdity who had bred two Classic winners for her owner's father. When Picture Play was retired to the paddocks at Childwick Bury, she herself became an outstanding broodmare. Of her direct descendants, three became Classic winners for her owner.

A further three were placed in various Classics: West Side Story, beaten by only inches for the 1962 Oaks by the French-trained Monade, but the best filly of that year in both England and Ireland: Photo Flash, runner-up in the One Thousand Guineas. 1968: and Welsh Pageant, third the following

father died in 1940, he inherited £5 year in the Two Thousand Guineas Apart from Picture Play's produce, the Childwick Bury Stud provided many other first-class horses and other Classic near misses for Joel. Among the latter was Connaught who, in 1968, came near to giving him a second Derby in succession. Approaching the final furlong Connaught looked unbeatable, but was cut down by the acceleration of Sir Ivor, ridden by Lester Piggott. Major Portion was another homebred Classic runner-up, being beaten in the 1958 Two Thousand Guineas by Pall Mail, carrying the colours of HM The Queen. Later in the St James's Palace Stakes Major Portion reversed the placings.

The achievements of Joel as a breeder were complemented by those of horses he bought. He possessed keen judgement in the sale ring. Henry the Seventh, secured for 3,500 guineas at Newmarket Sales is a good example. Trained by Bill Elsey in Yorkshire. Henry the Seventh won four races in 1961; then, the following season, he took the Zetland Gold Cup, the Rous Memorial Stakes and the Eclipse Stakes. Another purchase led to Predominate becoming, at an age when most was unfailingly loyal.

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Flat horses have retired; the most popular runner to carry the Joel colours."

Predominate was bought for hurdling; but despite having won over obstacles, he patently disliked them, so was put back to Flat racing. Trained by Ted Leader, Predomi nate then proceeded, between 1958 and 1960, to win the 2m 3f Goodwood Stakes three years in a row, then the following season was victorious in the even longer-distanced Goodwood Cup. This he did at the grand old age of nine.

Joel had many trainers, of which the most successful on the Flat were Ted Leader, Sir Noel Mudess and Henry Cecil. Over the jumps Bob Turnell and Josh Gifford served him extremely well. And Bob's son Andy trained his Grand National hero, Maori Venture. A further jumps trainer was Tim Thomson Jones who, only a fortnight ago, saddled Keep Talking to win the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham, Joel's final winner.

The involvement in National Hunt racing was on a smaller scale than breeding for and owning on the Flat, but, nonetheless, pursued with immense enthusiasm. In 1989 Josh Gifford bid a record 68.000 guineas on the owner's behalf for an untried jumper at the Doncaster Sales. Most of Joel's hurdlers and chasers were purchased, including Maori Venture and the Imperial Cup winner, Sir Thopas. But a sad story concerns one of the most promising jumpers Joel himself bred

This was Buona Notte, out of his broodmare Jenny Lind, who was a daughter of Procne who had won the Ebor Handicap for Joel in 1947. After six victories in a row, and looking to be an ideal Cheltenham Gold Cup candidate, Buona Notte was killed in the Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster in 1965 when he failed to rise to a fence.

Even sadder was the occasion in 1986 when, because through failing eyesight Joel could no longer see sufficiently to manage or enjoy matters at Childwick Bury, there was a dispersal sale at Newmarket of his 25 broodmares and fillies in training. This realised some E4 million, with Fairy Footsteps making the top price of 720,000 guineas. As the late Sir Noel Murless commented at the

time, it was "the end of an era". Jim Joel's quiet, unassuming manner earned him many friends in racing, the admiration of the public because there was never a breath of suspicion about the running of his horses, and the immense respect of his trainers and jockeys to whom he

LIVES REMEMBERED

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March 25 ON THIS DAY

The Woolwich Pree Ferry was the last achievement of the Metropolitan Board of Works which since its inception in hack stude to the positive in 1855 had been responsible for many projects, notably the building of the Albert and Victoria embankments and the construction of a drainage system of 120 square miles. The board's successor, London County Council, came into operation a few days before the opening ceremony.

WOOLWICH FREE FERRY

Saturday was a grand gala day at Woolwich, the occasion being the opening of the free ferry to unite North and South Woolwich - the first con-structed in the metropolitan district. The ceremony was performed by the London County Council - the first public function they have inderraken. Lord Rosebery, Lord Lingen,

and other members of the Council were received at the Arsenal Railway Station by the chairman of the Woolwich Local Board and most of the members, also by the chairman and members of the Plumstead District Board, and others. Having entered open carriages, accompanied by Colo-nel Hughes, MP for Woolwich, they waited while the boys of the Marine Society from the Warspite, the friendly societies, and the trade societies filed past with their emblems, bands and banners. A number of open carriages, with the members of the local boards and and then the members of the Council in their carriages came

The streets through which the procession, which was over half a mile in length, passed were decorated after the style adopted in London on Lord Mayor's Day. The streets were lined with Volunteers, in which the 2d Kent (Piumstead) Artil-

lery, the 3d Kent (Royal Arsenal) Artillery, and the 3d Kent (Royal Arsenal) Rifles took part, and as the pro-cession passed it was cheered by immense crowds of

1889

On reaching the landing-stage, at the south side, which is in the centre of the town, two of the County Council carriages, with pairs, were driven direct on board the ferry steamer Gordon, which, to-gether with three Volunteer bands and about 500 ladies and gentlemen, proceeded on her first trip across the river.

The passage across was made in three and a half minutes. The piers on each side are exactly similar, having two carriage ways in the centre and gangways on either side for loot passengers. The outer ends rest upon floating pontoons, which rise and fall with the tide: but although there is a difference of 20 feet between high and low water, the length of the piers is such as to obviate any inconvenient gradient. The horses and carriages

occupy the upper deck on board the steamer, to reach which iron brows, worked by hydraulic power, are let down into the openings cut in the bulwarks. At North Woolwich most of the party disembarked, together with the two carriages and horses, and were met by more friendly societies in full regalia, a band of music, and a steam fire engine from the Beckton Gas Works, manned and decorated.

After about half an hour's stay the whole were again on board the Gordon, which proceeded to South Woolwich. when the whole company landed and proceeded to take up their positions in the pro-cession. When Lord Rosebery had proceeded some distance along the approach road, he halted at a spot opposite the stand which had been erected to accommodate about 800 of the residents, and, standing up in his carriage, proclaimed the ferry open free for ever. This announcement evoked a ringing cheer.

MI5 chief invites Hattersley for talks

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

STELLA Rimington, the di-rector-general of MI5, has held an unprecedented private meeting with Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary. The invitation from Mrs Rimington would have been approved by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, and by the prime minister.

Permanent secretaries have been briefing opposition ministers in the weeks leading up to the general election, but this civil service tradition has not previously involved the security service.

Mr Hattersley has pledged to introduce a new act to bring M15, M16, the secret intelligence service, and GCHQ, the government communications headquar-

Alarm over nuclear accident

Continued from page 1 of easing the energy blockade imposed by the neighbouring

The Moscow office of Greenpeace alleged yesterday that the number of permanent safety inspectors at the St Petersburg station had re-cently been reduced from six to three. Dmitri Litvinov, the local Greenpeace co-ordina-tor, also criticised Gosatomnadzor for rushing to issue reassuring statements before any third party had had time to cross-check the information provided by the station's

John Speare, another Moscow-based environmentalist, said there were alarming de-fects in the Russian system for detecting radioactive leaks. He had visited a monitoring station near the nuclear submarine port of Murmansk, which had no equipment for measuring radioactive iodine or caesium, two of the most lethal components.

Nuclear energy was one of the areas for central control under the Union Treaty which Mikhail Gorbachev, unsuccessfully to persuade the Soviet republics to sign.

Eastern dilemma, page 11

ters, under parliamentary scrutiny should Labour win the election. The Conservatives are not planning any new legislation on intelligence and security issues.

Under Labour's charter of rights, a parliamentary intelligence select committee would be set up to oversee the work of the security and intelligence services. The committee will not oversee the day-today running of the services but it will have the power to order enquiries, subpoena witnesses and make recom-mendations to the home secretary. Labour also plans to appoint an inspector general who would have access to all classified material.

Mr Hattersley is said to have been pleased with his talks with Mrs Rimington, who took office a month ago. She is known to be reviewing MI5's role and to be considering adopting a higher pub-lic profile.

Rupert Allason, Tory parliamentary candidate for Torbay, who writes books on intelligence under the pseud-onym Nigel West, said yesterday: "I have never heard of a director-general briefing an opposition home secretary before an election.

Opposition ministers are normally briefed on intelligence matters only if there is a security scandal and then by the prime minister.

Whoever wins the election, Mrs Rimington's position will be unaffected. Since MI5. is semi-autonomous, directors-general historicaly survive changes in government. Her three predecessors, Sir Patrick Walker, Sir Antony Duff and Sir John Jones, were all appointed by Marga-ret Thatcher. When she became prime minister in 1979, the MI5 chief was Sir Howard Smith, who was appointed by James Callaghan and remained in office until his retirement in 1981.

Mrs Rimington's appointment by John Major was unique because it was the first time a new MI5 chief had been named. She is also the first woman to hold the post and the first to have been a important departments, subversion and counter A fantasy world of castles from the air



The Conservatives yester-day responded to Labour's efforts to raise health issues

by making a further assault on the cost of Labour's spend-

ing plans after Robin Cook,

said that his party would car-

ry out its manifesto commit-ments within the five years of

John Major said: That means £31 billion of extra taxes — an extra £1,250 per

year for every average taxoay-er — on top of the biggest ever

peacetime taxation increase already proposed by the shad-ow chancellor, John Smith."

Election 92, pages 6-9

Diary, page 12 Leading article

Labour's health spoke

a parilament

This is Euro Disney, the new £2.2 billion home near Paris for Snow ey Mouse and Donald Duck (writes Tim Jones). This aerial view shows a Mississippi-style paddle steamer cruising past le chateau de la belie-au-bois-dormant. The maiden will

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which party had the best poli-

cy for managing the economy, their margin over the Labour party was down to just four points at 34-30. On

the issue of taxation, their

margin was only one point higher, with 37 per cent of

respondents saying the Con-servatives had the best policy and 32 per cent opting for

On taxation policy, the

Conservatives have a 23-

point lead among the ABC1 middle classes and a 13-point

lead in the South. However,

Labour has a seven-point lead in the North and among the skilled and unskilled working

Another issue on which

Labour has the edge over the

Conservatives, by 44-20, is

the replacement of the poll

have to be in an extraordinarily deep sleep if she is to withstand the clatter of a runaway train, pirate battles in Adventureland and the noise that will be generate from the disco. In spite of local controversy payments, the 5,000-acre magic

Major trims Labour poll lead

tax. And When respondents were asked if they had re-ceived their new poll tax bills.

only just over a third had

done so. However, Mori

found that 57 per cent of respondents believe poll tax levels are too high in their

area, and more than two-thirds said it would influence

is likely to rise, to the benefit of Labour. Twenty-two per cent of those polled-said that the arrival of a poll tax bill

would make them less likely

to vote Conservative. The poll-sters found, however, that

there was no difference in

attitude over which party had

their community charge bills

the best policy for rep the poll tax between those who had already received

and those who had not.

The importance of the issue

their voting decision.

kingdom 25 miles east of the French capital should open as planned on April 12. It is expected to entice eleven million visitors a year, but Disney has already run into problems with its decision to ban all alcohol. Some commentators point out that French families

view wine with lunch in the same way that Americans view milk with cornflakes. More fantasy has been engendered by trade unions in par-is who claim the Disney dress code, banning beards and moustaches for men and eye-liner for women.

Dons oppose honorary degree for philosopher

BY JOHN O'LEARY, SOUCATION CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE dons have lodged their first objection for almost 30 years to a nominee for an honorary degree. Not since Lord Hallsham encountered academic opposition in 1963 in the midst of education cuts has there been open disagreement over the candi-dates for Cambridge's high-

The university kept well out of the last similar controversy, when Oxford refused a degree to Margaret Thatcher. But the nomination of the flamboyant left-wing French proved too much for some members of the Regent House, the university's "parliament". When his name scraped in by 20 votes.

came up for approval, the cry of "non placet" ("I do not wish it") prevented the nomination going forward auto-matically. There was a murmur of surprise in the hall, but no explanation.

The controversy will come into the open today with the publication of the Cambridge University Reporter, the offi-cial journal. It will contain an announcement that a ballot is to be held on one of the eight names put forward for honorary degrees. Between 2,500 and 3,000 academics will restore M Derrida's name to the list. The omens are favourable: Lord Halisham

Botham and Gooch walk out

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attend the event, he added. Micky Stewart, team manager, also thought the enter-tainer in bad taste. "It was a poor choice of material. We've got pride in and respect for the Queen," he said. Another guest at the £50-ahead dinner was Alan Smith. chief executive of the Test and Country Cricket Board, who said he was saddened by the incident. "This was the biggest cricket dinner I have ever attended. It was a great occasion but, sadly, this one act let it down."

Organisers of the event were said to be puzzled by England's reaction. Graham Halbish, a spokesman for the World Cup organising com-mittee, said it was "a night of fun and frolic". The act was not intended to give offence to anyone. He added: "If dear old Both is a royalist and was

upser, then good luck to him."

Ian McDonald, the Australian Cricket Board media manager, said he was amazed, "She is our Queen, too, and all I can think is that it is a motivational move for the

Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister, defended the act last night. "The taking-off of public lig-ures is one of the factors of Australian life. It's part of Australian humour and it does not necessarily mean the object of the exercise is intended to be brought into disrespect."
Elsewhere, supporters of

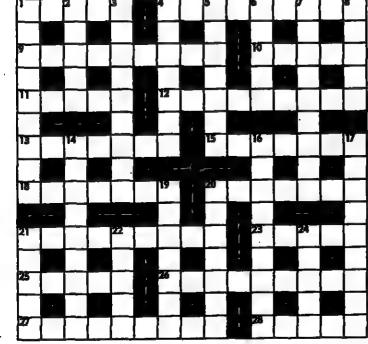
both teams were preparing last night for the big match which began at 4.30 am GMT and could continue until 12.30 pm.

Millions dragged themselves up in the early hours to watch. John Major was one of those whose call came early. Thousands of satellite dishes were installed at the last minute and champagne parties organised in pubs. cricket clubs and homes. More than 100 members of the Gym-khana Cricket Club in Bradford, West Yorkshire, sat down to a special pre-match curry dinner at midnight.
Up to 300 stockbrokers.

bankers and officer workers were expected at the Pavilion End pub in the City of London to watch the final and eat a choice of full English or continental breakfast

Match scorecard, page 30

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,875



- ACROSS 1 He recorded his impressions of
- French chatter (5). 4 Bug in trapdoor hard to mend
- 9 Small man having rest between two spells of work (4-5). 10 Produced daughter with nothing
- 11 Sinner half-heartedly resolved to finish washing (5).
- 12 Great victory for novice with toboggan (9).
- special (7).
- 15 Painting wrongly said to be Cynthia (7). 18 Rather poor pub inside, the

Royal (7).

- 20 Swimmer managed without a hip replacement (7).
- 21 Goethe in ecstasy at first about an apostle (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,874

ENLEAS READONESWINGS

- 23 The cricket team you'd expect to come first in a rubber? (5). 25 The navy is after a firm mast (5).
- one point (9).
- Technique for transposing rock
- layers (9). 28 Lusty man appearing a day
- 1 Plain or upland, OK? (9). 2 Scrape together scrag end with
- some good meat (5). Dinner has to be cooked for
- council (9). 4 Beautiful, like Raphael? (7)-
- 5 Bottom was top for this queen (7). 6 Puzzle about raised contribution
- 7 Fellow eating tiny measure of
- 8 Avoid the city (5).
- 14 Be rough in maltreatment of one who should be loved (9). 16 Reluctance of sailor to eat on
- vessel (9). 17 In mad rush, a wife accepts
- unauthorised advances (9). 19 Burglar finally doing poorly with
- 20 Fee, but no interest in this bond 21 Worn by the casual astronomer?
- 22 Players whose trapeze act is dangerous? (5).

24 Impress with sketch (5).

Concise Crossword, page 13 Life & Times section

A daily safari through the nguage jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Painp Howard

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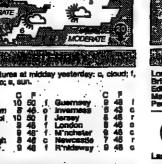
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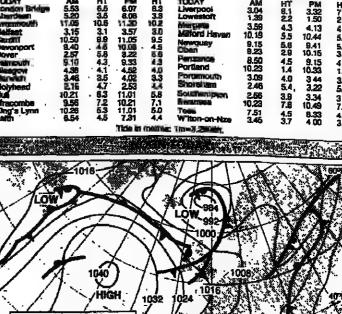
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

TODAY IN BUSINESS

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Official figures may suggest otherwise, but Vauxhall is on the verge of overtaking Ford as Britain's biggest new car manufacturer, ending a 15-year sequence Page 21

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Antony Stoddard quit as chief executive of relations group that lost £1.4 million last year Page 18

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away with FFr2.6 billion and the Chateau Margeaux vineyards as Nestlé takes control of Perrier Page 19

DEFENCE COSTS

Invergordon Distillers incurred costs of £4.2 million in its successful fight against à takeover bid by Whyte & Mackay. Page 19

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The Hallfax lost market share but increased profits by 6 per cent to £628 million, even though bad debts cost £229 million Page 18

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SPORT 26-30

Third of claims find favour with insurance ombudsman



Saunders: praised

MONEY EDITOR

THE insurance ombudsman recrived a "tidal wave of applications" last year, with the number of cases handled rising 64 per cent to 4,334 and 40,000 enquiries dealt with. In about a third of cases. Dr Julian Farrand found for the policyholder in some way and made awards totalling E5 million.

Life policy claims, the largest category in the 2,839 cases completed, reached 809 (510), while more than

Dr Farrand said. Motor claims totalled 568 (346) and buildings insurance and contents cases were 383 and 341 respectively.

The largest individual payment was £550,000 to the son of a woman who died in Kenya eight years after taking out term insurance. The life company suspected that she was not dead and refused to pay out even though a private investigator had confirmed that she had had a stroke and died. The claimant also received £250,000 from another insurer. The first insurance company had also argued that the woman had taken

the £9,000 a year ten-year term policy out in order to pay for inheritance tax liabilities but that these were not in evidence when she died.

Dr Farrand decided that the company would not have refunded premiums had the woman approached it after eight years asking for a refund because her tax liabilities were less than expected and there-

fore the son should receive payment. The ombudsman is restricted to making awards up to £100,000. Above that he can make a recommendation but the insurance company is not bound by such an award.

The smallest successful claim was "a grovelling apology" from an insurance company for the way it handled a policy. In cash terms, the smallest award was £5.

The fact that two thirds of decisions favoured insurers paid tribute to the "competent and careful complaints procedures developed during the past decade since the bureau was created," Dr Farrand said.

There was a claim for compensation for 93lb of meat and fowl, which had defrosted when a freezer compartment broke down. The manufacturer told the ombudsSaunders is chairman, that the freezer section would only take 42.4lb of food. The claim failed for

"greedy exaggeration."

Claims upheld included a policyholder who dropped and broke his spectacles on his patio. The insurance company had said that the patio was not part of the private dwelling or outbuildings at the address of the property insured. A motorist who left the keys in his car when he went back into the house to get something he had forgotten failed in his stolen car claim.

Pall Mall joint venture is unwound

P&O payout held despite profits fall

SHARES in the Peninsular and Orient Steam Navigation Company jumped 32p to 416p after the shipping to property group said it was maintaining its dividend, had successfully unwound a £500 million property joint venture and that its chairman and managing director were investing £1.5 million to raise their personal stakes in the

company. "I suppose we're putting our money where our mouth is," said Lord Sterling, chair-man of P&O, after he and Bruce MacPhail had bought 375,000 shares between them in the wake of a 17 per cent fall in 1991 pre-tax prof-

its to £217 million. The company is proposing to amend an 89-year-old restriction in its royal charter that prevents more than 25 per cent of its shares being reasons of national defence. be available for the defence of within a year.

the realm.

CITY analysts reacted with

anger and confusion to the

publication late yesterday af-

ternoon of the 1991 results of

ADT, the security and car

auction group chaired by Michael Ashcroft. The fig-ures were released in London

only half an hour before the

market closed and company

representatives were not

available for comment, al-

though a meeting with New

York analysts had been ar-

ranged for 2.30pm, local

One analyst said that the figures "raised more ques-

tions than they answered".

Mr Ashcroft has long been

regarded as one of the last of

the Eighties' breed of corpo-

lion exceptional item that reflected the higher costs and lower margins of rapidly relocating cruise liners from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean. The unchanged total dividend of 30.5p was covered by earnings of 3lp a share, down from 40.4p.

The most significant news

was the unwinding of Pall Mall Properties, the joint venture company with Elilott Bernerd's Cheisfield group, which took over Laing Prop-erties for £492 million in 1990. The unwinding got the final go-ahead after it was confirmed that Chelefield had raised £65 million of new equity and £162 million of medium to long-term bank finance to enable the transac-

tion to proceed.
Cheisfield's new investors include British Land, Hambros Group, M&G and the Bank of East Asia, the latter being co-manager of the BZW-sponsored private plac-ing. P&O and Mr Bernerd originally incorporated for are each subscribing for £10 reasons of national defence. million of new Chelsfield Lord Sterling said P&O had shares. Yesterday, Mr formally assured the government that its fleet would still to taking Cheisfield public

Under the complex terms The final dividend stays at of the deal, P&O will pay 17p, despite the impact of the Chelsfield £50.2 million for recession and the Gulf war, its 50 per cent interest in Pall which resulted in a £20 mil-

ADT results cause confusion

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

cious City and has been

accused of going out of his

way to avoid establishing

channels of communication

However, the reaction was

not all negative. Analysts wel-

comed the improved level of

disclosure in the figures and

the appointment of three

more non-executive directors.

The shares rose 15p to 515p

before the announcement of

Pre-tax profits for the year

to end-December were 44 per cent down at \$137 million,

slightly below expectations,

but it was the debt-laden bal-

ance sheet that attracted the

Dividend payments were

attention of the market.

the figures.

with his UK investors.

will pay £181 million for a portfolio of British properties that accounts for about 40 per cent of Laing's domestic portfolio. Chelsfield will also pay E33 million for its share of a new joint venture with P&O. Laing Properties Inc, that will acquire Laing's American properties - primarily 6,700 rented garden appartments

– from Pall Mall. As a result of these transactions, Pall Mall will be 100 per cent owned by P&O and own 60 per cent of Laing's British properties and all its Canadian properties, collec-tively valued at about £570 million. Lord Sterling was "delighted" with the Laing acquisition, despite the fact that P&O's share of Pall Mall's \$44.8 million pre-tax loss in 1991 pushed housebuilding, construction and development to a £20.3 million loss. He said Laing's portfolio feli only £15 million

below acquisition cost. With £525 million of Pall Mali debt on P&O's balance sheet, P&O's total borrowings will rise to £1.6 billion and gearing to 70 per cent.

Lord Sterling said gearing would be reduced by sales from the unified investment portfolio and from reduced capital expenditure.

stage as part of the debt re-

duction drive and the com-

pany confirmed yesterday

that they would not recom-

mence before the release of

Mr Ashcroft said yesterday in a statement that "ADT's

security services and auctions

businesses have performed

well against the background

He added that the objec-

tives for 1992 were to concen-

trate resources on the core

operations.He said trading

for the year in both the core

businesses had started well

and that an advance in pri-

mary earnings per share was

expected in 1992. ADT's pri-

mary earnings fell 46 per cent

the 1992 results.

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Honouring commitments: Mick Newmarch, chief executive of Prudential

Pru abandons brokers

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

is closing its general insur-ance broker business at a cost of 400 jobs and £146 million after heavy losses.

The move means that 160,000 Prudential customers who bought their insurance through 4,000 insur-ance brokers will be forced to look elsewhere when they re-new their policies. Mick Newmarch, the chief executive, said that the group was setting aside reserves to honour existing policies and

future claims. The business, based in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, lost E77 million last year due to rising theft, fire and subsidence claims. The closure costs are being offset by tax relief and investment returns worth £93 million.

Mr Newmarch said that the business was unable to charge premiums high enough to return it to profits. He said: "There is a fiercely competitive market and no rational pricing out there."
He added, however, that the group was still committed to its direct sales general insurance business, which lost £11 million.

The decision is part of a growing move by insurers to reduce their exposure to lossmaking home and motor business. Legal & General

THE Prudential Corporation has cut back its general busi- £385 million, while overall ness by buying reinsurance in the London market. The Prudential results for 1991 showed a 9 per cent gain in pre-tax profits to £267 million due to last year's disposal of its estate agencies. The final dividend was increased to 7.2p to make lip for the year, up 7 per cent. Profit rose 5 per cent in the Prudential's life assurance business to

general insurance losses fell by £36 million to £149 million. That was countered by a £70 million fall in investment gains £20 million.

The best performer was Jackson National, the American subsidiary, where profits more than doubled to \$112 million.

Ottawa involved in O&Y talks

FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

THE federal Canadian and provincial Ontario govern-ments are involved in talks on restructuring Olympia & York's debt, but any help will fall far short of a bailout, a senior minister said.

Don Mazankowski, fi-nance minister, confirmed that the governments might provide some kind of financial guarantees against the sale of O&Y assets. Mr Mazankowski, answering questions in the Canadian parliament, said the discussions had centred on helping the Toronto-based property and resources-development - one of Canada's largest private companies restructure its debt of more than C\$10 billion (£5 billion). Outside parliament, Mr Mazankowski said the talks began towards the end of last week, but there had been some earlier "representa-tions". Asked whether the federal government in Ottaa ballout, he said that the aim was "to stabilise the situation and to try to avert any disruption". He added: "That is our goal, and that is not a

Floyd Laughren, the treasurer of Ontario, also confirmed that the province's ticipating in the O&Y discussions. The company, he explained, was "important" to Ontario.

O&Y is believed to be looking for buyers for four office buildings in Toronto, valued at an estimated C\$2 billion. Reports yesterday said it had struck a deal to sel or refinance one, the C\$300 Tempus, page 20 million Exchange Tower.

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suspended at the interim last year to \$1.04 per share. rate buccaneers by a suspi-Morse dismounts his black horse

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE leadership of Lloyds, Britain's most profitable bank, has been thrown into confusion by its announcement that Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, will retire early next year.

He is being replaced by Sir Robin Ibbs, one of the deputy chairmen. But Sir Robin will be 66 next month, two and a half years older than Sir Jeremy, and says he is unlikely to stay in the post more than three years.

The bank also announced that Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, would join the bank as deputy chairman. Analysts tipped him to become chairman after Sir Robin, but Sir David is also said to be a favourite to be appointed governor of the Bank of England.

The banking industry yes-

Morse: genteel terday lamented the departure of Sir Jeremy, who has been one of Lloyds' longestserving and most successful the rmext

Sir Jeremy joined Lloyds from the Bank of England in 1975 and became chairman two years later. In the past 15 years he has steered the bank through the collapse of

which at one staged threatened the bank's existence, and at home through two deep recessions. Most recently, however, his attempts to buy Midland Bank have so far come to nothing. Since 1983 Lloyds has

been dominated by the relationship between Sir Jeremy and Brian Pitman, the chief executive: The two present an absolute contrast; Sir Jeremy is one of the most genteel men in the City and could be mistaken for a semor wademic.

Mr Pitman is regarded as the hard man of British banking, and never flinches from selling businesses or shedding staff to improve Lloyds' efficiency.

Sir Jeremy has always made it clear that he wanted to retire in his early Sixties since he believes his father continued to work too late in life. He will remain chancelthe Third World debt market, lor of Bristol university and

warden of Winchester Sir Robin said yesterday

that he would remain as chairman until the board found "an appropriate suc-cessor", but said he would be surprised to stay after he was 70. "The appointment has come as a pleasant surprise." Lloyds would remain much

the same under his chair-manship he said, but added that he would not undertake as much international banking diplomacy as Sir Jeremy. Sir Robin was a director of

ICI for many years, but in 1980 he was appointed head of the government's central policy review staff. Following that he reported to the government on the efficiency of the Civil Service and in 1988 produced "The Next Steps" - a proposal for civil service reform that has since been largely adopted.

Geest to sell its stake in Macfish

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE future of the troubled British fish-processing industry was thrown into uncertainty yesterday when Geest, the fresh food group, announced that it is to dispose of its 50 per cent stake in Macfish, its fish-processing joint venture with Associated

David Sugden, the chief executive of Geest, said the decision had been made in the light of continuing problems with fish supplies caused

by overfishing. He said that Geest could not justify the necessary investment in the subsidiary given its heavy capital expen-diture programmes for its core fresh fruit and prepared food operations.

Geest entered fish processing in 1987 and merged its fish interests with Associated Fisheries in 1990. Macfish made a marginal profit last year. Mr Sugden said, compared with heavy losses in the ate Eighties.

Geest has provided £5.25 million below the line against the cost of withdrawal from the sector in its 1991 acrounts.

A statement from the company said that it intended to "an orderly route to withdraw from its investment in Macfish". But it added that "no firm decisions have been taken as to the timing or nature of this withdrawal".

Associated Fisheries said that it might also be forced to withdraw from Macfish as a result of Geest's decision. It is to make an extraordinary provision of £5.5 million against its 1991 profits and loss account, which is due to be published on April 2.

Geest's pre-tax profits for the year to December 28 rose by 6 per cent to £26.2 million on turnover up by 5 per cent at £626 million. A final 4.3p dividend makes 7.9p for the year, a 13 per cent increase.

The strongest performer was the food preparation division, which increased trading profits from £3.87 million to £5.4 million.

Geest said that its project to set up its own banana plantation in Costa Rica was on schedule and on budget and was expected to be in production by early 1993.

The company added that the difficult economic conditions that it encountered last and that there was no immediate sign of an upturn in its

AMBER DAY (Int)

EPS: 3.81p (3.72p)

Div: 1.1p (0.9p)

Pre-tax: £7.11m (£5.52m)

DERWENT VALLEY (Fin)

Pre-tax: £2.04m (£3.51m) EPS: 12.17p (18.99p)

TAY HOMES (Int) Pre-tax: £1.82m (£2.13m)

Div: 4.5p, mkg 8p (8p)

CUSSINS PROPERTY

SUNSET & VINE (Int)

ARAN ENERGY (Fin)

WORCESTER GROUP

Div: 2.88p, mkg 4.21p

COLORGRAPHIC (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss £2.33m LPS: 12.45p (EPS: 9.09p)

BARR & W. ARNOLD TST.

Pre-tax: £4.31m (£4.51m) EPS: 20.7p (22.8p) Div: 7p, mkg 10p (9.75p)

Pre-tax: £4.73m (£5.07m)

BREDERO PROPERTIES

Pre-tax: £1.12m (£3.66m)

Div: 0.01p, mkg 0.01p

PENDRAGON (Fin)

EPS: 12.1p (15.1p) Div: 4p, mkg 6p (5.4p)

Pre-tax: Loss £4.5m LPS: 13.1p (EPS: 4.3p)

Div: Nil, mkg nil (2.4p)

Div: 3p, mkg 4.5p (6p)

MALLETT (Fin)

EPS: 10.4p (9.4p)

LPS: 0.14p (EPS: 0.09p)

Pre-tax: £821,000 EPS: 6.1p (LPS: 5.5p) Div: 5.7p, mkg 8.6p

EBC GROUP (Fin)

EPS: 5.5p (6.3p) Div: 1.2p (1.2p)

LPS: 1.9p (56.3p) Div: Nil (nil)

EPS: 4.6p (3.0p) Div: 1.5p (1.5p)

Div: Nil (nil)

COMPANY BRIEFS

Bad debts fail to halt a 6% rise at Halifax

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

HALIFAX Building Society increased its pre-tax profits 6 per cent to £628 million in the year to end-January despite provisions for bad debts of £229 million.

The largest mortgage lender lost market share as net advances fell 26 per cent to £3.9 billion last year. The Abbey National lent £3.7 billion. Halifax now has 14 per cent of the total mortgage market, against 16 per cent in 1990, and its retail receipts fell to £4.6 billion (£5.2 billion)

Arrears and repossessions were now falling, having peaked in November, said Jon Foulds, chairman of Halifax. The number of properties held by the society had fallen every month since November as had the number of new properties being repos-sessed said Mr Foulds.

Of mortgage rescue schemes, he added: "Far more people will be helped by our own efforts to keep them as borrowers than by converting them to tenants. Better counselling, shared ownership schemes and the very important direct payment of DSS benefit will all keep down the number of

repossessions. The society allocated an ex-tra £100,000 to counselling

last year and will spend another £350,000 this year. A provision of £191 million was made for residential mortgages, £16 million for other advances secured on land and £22 million for unsecured loans last year. Halifax has now made provisions of more than 13p for every pound lent as unsecured loans, but Mr Foulds said it intended to stick with the business now it had learned how to handle such loans.

The estate agency operating loss fell from £18.3 million to £6.6 million. The cost/income ratio was reduced to 43.6 per cent (48.5 per cent). The society's gross capital ratio improved from 5.09 per cent to 5.65 per cent and free capital increased from 4.25 per cent to 4.86 per cent. Assets grew 8.4 per cent to ES8.7 billion.

Duilding societies made net mortgage commitments of £2.7 billion in February an increase of 20 per cent on January. The figure was still lower than February last year, when bad weather and the Gulf war affected the mortgage market. Gross lending, at £2.4 billion, was down on both the January figure and a year ago. Savings fell to £145 million from £293 million in

Shares at Kwik Save and Hillsdown slip

BY OUR CITY STAFF

KWIK Save, the discount supermarket group, and Hillsdown Holdings, the food-processing group run by SIr Harry Solomon, saw their shares fall yesterday after the resignations of their finance

directors. Simon Moffat, Kwik Save's group finance director, has stepped down less than five weeks before the company unveils its interim results. He moves to Hillsdown to take over as finance director from Kevin O'Sullivan. The City reacted coldly to the news.

Turnover rose to £47.7m (£44.4m),

with further gains expected over remainder of year. There was a

£4.48m extraordinary charge.

Last time's loss was £335,000.

744p (937p) per share.

Last time's total dividend was 8.25p. The net asset value fell to

Turnover fell to £60m (£65.2m).

There was an exceptional charge of £885,000. The net asset value

slipped to 133p (135p) per share.

Turnover rose to £25.5m (£24.1m).

was £4.04m. There was a £2.36m extraordinary debit. Turnover feli

Last time's profit was £246,000.

Turnover rose to £2.46m (£1.88m)

Group is developing sponsorship agreements with multinationals.

All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's profit was £121,000. Revolving credit and standby facility totalling \$197.5m arranged.

Final results. Last time's total dividend was 4.01p. Turnover advanced to £65.2m (£44m).

Gearing down by a third to 40%.

Last time's profit was £2.01m.

Last time's total dividend was 6.86p. Exceptional debit of £1.1m

and £181,000 extraordinary loss.

Final results. Turnover slipped

to £229m (£238m). There was an extraordinary debit of £147,000.

Gearing down to 32.4% (55.3%).

Turnover fell to £168m (£174m).

profits, but strong performance in after-sales and used cars.

was £1.58m. There was a £6.52m exceptional loss. The net asset

Turnover fell to £8.39m (£14.6m).

of £660,000. Return to previous

profit levels will take time.

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Final results. Last time's profit

value slipped to £1.96 (£2.19).

Dwelling sales up 17% to 357. Land bank rose to 4,250 plots,

giving over four years' supply.

Final results. Last time's loss

Shares in Kwik Save fell 8p to 536p. Hillsdown fell 4p to

Mr Moffat's, resignation comes as part of a management shake-up ahead of the impending retirement of Frederick Mills, the deputy managing director. John Murphy, the chairman and chief executive of Colemans, a chief executive of Colemans, a subdiary of Kwik Save, is to become a deputy managing director in addition to Mr

In November, Kwik Save announced record pre-tax profits of £102 million, up 19 per cent, on the back of an ambitious expansion programme. Mr Moffat, who has worked for Grand Metropolitan and Unilever, takes

up his appointment in June. The City has been wary of Hillsdown since the company's unexpected £281 million rights issue in October sent shares spiralling. A bear raid early last year sent the company's share price tumbling 30 per cent in two days.

Two weeks ago, Hillsdown reported pre-tax profits down 2.3 per cent at £187 million for 1991 in the wake of a sharp decline in poultry prices. The company is now Britain's fourth largest chicken producer.



Shares languish as Gummer confirms worst

Shandwick storm brings losses and resignation

JUST before Christmas. Shandwick, the world's big-gest public relations com-pany, gave warning of inclement weather ahead. The storm broke with a vengeance yesterday, when pre-tax losses of £1.4 million for the 15 months to last Octo-Antony Stoddard, the chief executive, announced his

resignation. The loss, a dramatic drop from a £21 million pre-tax profit last time, is even worse than Mr Gummer predicted in December. Then, his warning of an ex-pected £1 million loss left the City reeling and cut Shandwick's share price in half. The shares tumbled from 125p to 52 p, and are

now languishing at 29p. Mr Gummer, whose brother. John, is agriculture minister, does not expect business to pick up this year, but feels he has done all he can to get the com-

pany in shape. Mr Stoddard is leaving Shandwick as part of a management reshuffle. However, he will stay on as a

A report by Ernst & Young, the accountant, shows Shandwick's underlying business is sound, and that improvement is just a matter of time. Fee income at £122 million has remained largely constant, de-America, which accounts for 50 per cent of the group's operating revenue

In December, Mr Gum-mer said: "We are clearing the decks for some fairly rough weather. This will enable us to go forward confidently through the econ-omic difficulties which lie

After expanding rapidly during the Eighties, Shandwick now faces the difficult task of cutting jobs. Redundancies have cost £5.4 million, with staff numbers falling from 2,150 last year to 1,960.

The company revealed in December that "several mil-lion" pounds had been wasted through chasing business with international clients that came to noth-

ing. The amounts were re-

vealed yesterday: £2.8 million on marketing and other costs associated with delay or cancellation of po-tential contracts, and £1.1 million in respect of abor-tive acquisitions and joint

Shandwick faces another E3 million bill this year in interest and fees to its banks and Imanchal adviners. The final dividend has been cut from an expected 2.36p to just 1.18p, making 3.54p for the 15 months.

If December was a bad month, January was even worse. Just three weeks after Mr Gummer broke the bad news to a petulant City, Shandwick parted company with Morgan Grenfell, its merchant bank, and SG Warburg Securities, its stockbroker, after a six-year association.

The manner of the part-ing did little to calm share-holders' nerves. Both sides insisted that they had initi-

Lazard Brothers and Barclays de Zoete Wedd were subsequently appoint-ed as the new advisers to

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Laporte unwinds its venture with Solvay

LAPORTE, the chemicals group, has unwound its joint venture arrangement with Belgium's Solvay in a move that improves gearing and allows Laporte to control its own destiny. Laporte will exchange its half interest in hydrogen peroxide businesses that are jointly owned with Solvay through the Interox venture for full ownership of the speciality peroxy chemicals businesses. Solvay will no longer be a 25 per cent shareholder in Laporte after part of its building is conselled and the way of the take placed among holding is cancelled and the rest of the stake placed among institutions. Laporte announced yesterday that it was buying Rockwood, an American private company that has processing operations on the East and West coasts of America, for \$60 million. Pre-tax profits of Laporte in the year ended December 29 eased from £103 million to £97.2 million on a turnover of £615.5 million (£649.3 million). The final divided rises to 12.1p (11.4p) a share. making 18.9p (17.8p) a share for the year.

UK liquidity improves

THE financial health of Britain's large companies has improved to close to the level seen in the third quarter of 1987, the quarter of the stock market crash, government figures show. The improvement, confirmed in the company liquidity data to the end of the fourth quarter last year. suggests the corporate sector is well placed to take advantage of any economic recovery. The liquidity ratio expresses assets as a ratio of current liabilities. The ratio for all large industrial and commercial companies was 124 in the final quarter of 1991, up from 118 the previous quarter.

Brake raises payout

BRAKE Bros, the expanding frozen foods group, largely withstood the effects of recession and the disruption caused by a fire at Hemsworth, Yorkshire, in the year ended December. Pre-tax profits rose from £14.9 million to £15.4 million. Sales advanced 14.1 per cent to £223 million, or by 7.3 per cent after excluding acquisitions, and the final dividend rises from 3.75p to 4.1p a share, making 5.75p (5.25p) for the year. Brake spent £12.8 million on capital expenditure, excluding acquisitions, which included £2.6 million associated with cold stores and central distribution facilities in Sometres and Heatfordshire. facilities in Somerset and Hertfordshire.

Esso profits advance

SOFT oil prices and pressure on costs constrained Esso UK's pre-tax profits and royalties to £635 million, up 15.9 per cent. Esso's share of North Sea oil output surged 23 per cent during calendar 1991, and gas production rose 31 per cent. That helped lift revenues, including sales at filling stations, by 9.9 per cent to £6.22 billion. Profits after tax and royalites rose by just £7 million to £310 million. Sir Archibald Forster, chairman and chief executive, said the 8.5 per cent return on assets was unsatisfactory but capital spending during 1992 would exceed 1991's £600 million.

Deadline for banks

SIR Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, will today tell banks that they should have cross-border electronic transfer networks installed by 1996. Sir Leon, whose users charter for small businesses and individuals using banks became known last week, believes that banks can be forced to lower their transaction charges by market forces rather than legislation. Today he will outline the right for a redress procedure against banks for clients not given full advice on transfer charges. He wants an end to double charging, where both the sending and receiving banks get payment.

Epwin in cash call

EPWIN Group, the USM-quoted maker of uPVC windows and double glazing products, is making a one-for-four rights issue at 145p per share to raise £5.4 million. Proceeds will be used to fund expansion. Epwin also announced a 17 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £2.91 million to end-December on turnover down 15.6 per cent to £40.3 million. A higher 4.5p final (4.3p), brings an improved total of 6.6p (6.4p).

Property disposal

ASDA Property Holdings, the residential and commercial property group run by Manny Davidson, has sold a portfolio of rented residential property to Bradford Property Trust, which is one of Britain's biggest residential landlords. The proceeds of the E38 million sale will be used to reduce Asda's borrowings and should enable it to pursue its recent policy of adding to its commercial portfolio. The homes are all in the South-East of England where Bradford has about 80 per cent of its 7,000 properties.

Bridon goes into red

BRIDON is halving its annual dividend after slumping into the red in 1991. The wire and wire rope maker yesterday reported pre-tax losses of £3.6 million, compared with profits of £10.1 million in the previous 12 months, leaving a deficit of 6.4p a share, against earnings of 14.3p. The final dividend is reduced from 5.5p a share to 1.5p, making 4p for the year, compared with 8p last time.

STOCK MARKET COMP

British Steel falls 5p as institutions sell

British Steel's shares fell 5p to 70p as its standing in the City slumped to its lowest level since the shares were floated at 125p in 1988. A total of 17 million shares were traded as the institutions continued reducing their positions after a series of sell recommendations from leading securities houses this week. Smith New Court, the broker, started the ball rolling on Monday by forecasting a cut in the dividend and mounting losses for Europe's biggest steel producer.

Now James Capel, another There was an exceptional credit broker, and Nikko, the Japanese securities house, have jumped on the bandwagon. Capel is predicting full-year losses of more than £100 million and Nikko is believed to be telling its clients that the shares are a sell down to about the 50p level.

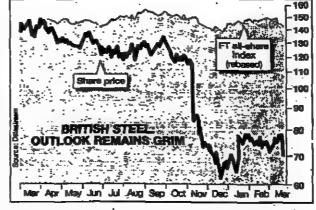
At its halfway stage, British Steel shocked the market with a collapse in profits and the warning that it would review the dividend when the final figures were known. The steel market remains depressed with the rising cost of raw materials outstripping any modest price rises. Surprisingly enough, British Steel has been firm of late with the shares outperforming the rest of the market by about 9 per cent in the past month.

ing by the Conservatives in the opinion polls cheered the City and enabled share prices to make an encouraging rally. Some institutions have taken the view that the recent losses have been overdone and so the bargain-hunters were out in force. The FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best of the day afer a hesitant start to trading on Wall Street. It ended 17.7 points up at 2.458.7 with almost 500 million shares changing hands.

Government securities made modest headway, with gains of E4 at the longer end. as investors continued switching from the other European bond markets. Among the leaders, Glazo

umped 32p to 814p as one New York securities house began urging its clients to switch from the Smith Kline Beecham units, down 20p at

Warburg Securities was believed to be a big buyer of Kingfisher, up 14p at 480p. The shares have depressed recently by a series of profit downgradings from several leading firms. Ranks Hovis



McDongall eased 1p to 216p as a line of 2.6 million shares went through the market at about the 214p level. The water companies, overshad- its clients. There were also

in Wessex, up 12p at 387p. as County NatWest Wood-Mac, the broker, recommended the shares to

The deadline for Redland's £615 million bid for Steetley is midday tomorrow. Redland is expected to win the day with one institution committing a parcel of 3 million Steetley shares. Morgan Stanley, the New York securities house, describes it as the deal of decade and expects it to enhance Redland's earnings. Rival County NatWest WoodMac continues to urge Steetley shareholders to sell in the market.

owed by the prospect of renationalisation if Labour comes to power, were able to recover from some of their recent losses, helped by a few buyers 321 p. South West, 3p to

332p. Northumbrian. 2p to 366p, North West, Ip to 339p. Severa Treat. 3p to at low levels. The best rise was 334p. Thames, 6p to 342p.

Welsh, 2p to 361p, and York-shire, 5p to 353p. The City breathed a sigh of relief at P&O's decision to maintain the dividend despite a drop in its full-year pre-tax profits from £261.3 million to E217.4 million.

The figures were at the top end of expectations and were struck after an exceptional charge of £20 million was made relating to the impact of the Gulf war on its cruise operations. The group has also decided to unravel Pall Mall, its joint property ven-ture, with Chelsfield, the privately owned developer, which was put together to handle the acquisition of Laing Properties a few years back. The shares responded with a rise of 32p to 416p, after touching 425p.

Laporte, the chemicals group, recovered from an ear-ly fall to finish 10p better at 567p after reporting a drop in pre-tax profits of almost £6 million to £97.2 million. The company blamed the setback on a lower contribution from its joint venture Interox, jointowned with Solvay of

Solvay has now taken control of Interox and in return disposed of its 25 per cent

stake in Laporte. MTM fell a further 6p to 77p after two recent profit warnings. Prudential Corporation

slipped 3p to 220p despite increasing pre-tax profits from £244 million to £267 million and increasing the dividend.

However, the group is withdrawing from general insurance broking, which has resulted in an extraordinary charge of £53 million. Mick Newmarch, the chairman, blamed fierce competition and overcapacity for this

Bluebird Toys, the USM toy manufacturer, advanced a further 7p to 82p, making a two-day rise of 17p. Banque Contrade Lausanne, formerly known as Financiere Franşad, has increased its stake in the company from 27 to 29.7 Der cent.

This shareholding includes 799.802 shares, or 9.72 per cent, held on behalf of Ideal Loisirs, a French toy distributor.

Smith New Court expects Bluebird to make pre-tax profits of £1.5 million in the current year, against a postexceptionals pre-tax loss of £3.55 million last time.

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Bid win raises competition doubts

EC to investigate Perrier takeover after Nestlé victory

By Wolfgang Munchau, European Business correspondent

THE European Commission is to launch a full enquiry into Nestle's takeover of Perrier, after the Swiss food group and Banque Indosuez won control of the French water group with an increased bid of Fir15.3 billion.

Reto Domeniconi, finance director of Nestlé, told a press conference in Paris that the commission would announce its investigation this week. Shares in Perrier will be suspended during the enquiry, which is expected to focus on competition in the mineral waters market, of which Nestle and BSN, the French food group, gain a greater share through the deal.

The EC enquiry will also try
to disentangle corollary appects of the deal, such ascompensation payments paid to certain shareholders. It is highly unusual for the companies involved, rather than the commission, to announce an investigation. Under EC rules, the commission can take up to four months to investigate a deal.

News of the enquity followed confirmation of a negotiated peace settlement between the two main protagonists, Nestle, where Helmut Maucher is president, and the Agnelli family of Italy, under which the Swiss group will take control of Perrier. BSN will buy Volvic, a Perrier mineral wat-

The Agnellis have made a substantial profit on their investment, estimated to be about Ffr2.6 billion. They will also retain control of Exor, although that group, after its acceptance to sell its 35.5 per cent Perrier stake to Nestle, will only have some Paris properties, worth about Fr4 billion, and the Château

Margeaux vineyards.
Nestle yesterday raised its original offer of Fr1:475 for each Perrier share to Fr1,700. That bid is one of four to have resulted from the overall battle: Exor. Perrier's

main shareholder, bid for north states in shareholding Perrier. Ifint, one of the companies in an attempt to Agnelli family vehicles, bid gain control of the target for Exor, and BSN also bid without having to resort to a for Exor, and BSN also bid without having to resort to a for Exor. Under the new deal, Exor is dropping its bid for fored by the application of Pernier and accepts Nestle's previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the French courts. A sector of the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer. The strategy was previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer. BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer. BSN and Iling the previously untested takeover tender offer, BSN and Iling the previously un

plicated: Ifint, which owns 39.8 percent of Exor, will pay for, in full, the first 51 per-cent of shares tendered, while the remaining shares tender will be split between Ifint and BSN on the basis of nine-to-one. This means that Ifint will emerge as the controlling

shareholder of Exco. Despite the substantial profits, the outcome of what has turned out to be the most complicated Continental bid battle ever, still amounts to a setback for the Agnelli family and its attempts to build a strong position in France's profitable food and drinks market. After becoming France's largest foreign investor last year, the Agnellis have been caught out by their own strategy, that of buying mi-



Maucher: peace deal

make a joint Fr1,450 bid for thon of Nestle as the world's Exor, but BSN will grant the first right of refusal to limit if Swiss group is also one of the BSN decides to sell any Penilargest European mineral water groups, with brands including Vittel and Ashhowever, is much more comworld's leading mineral water brand to its portfolio.

BSN, which was formerly

an Agnelli ally but switched sides amid concern over the Italians' ambitions, owns Evian, one of the top still water brands. But since Evian's source in the Swiss Alps is likely to dry out at some stage, BSN has struck a deal with Nestle under which it will obtain Pecrier's Volvic brand for about Fr3 billion. This is convenient for Nestlé, helping alleviate fears of a monopoly, which could have arisen had the Swiss group built a more dominant position in the stills water

A "friendly" settlement be-came the most likely outcome of the takeover bid after a series of court rulings left the Agnellis with their backs to the wall. Nestle's only hope of winning control of Pertier was to persuade two French commercial courts to cancel or suspend various shareholdings that the Ital-lans and their allies had built

up as part of their strategy. In February, a commerical court in Nimes suspended one third of Exor's 35.5 per cent holding in Perrier on the grounds that Exor breached takeover rules when it failed to declare an increase in its Perrier stake beyond 33 per French takeover rules require a predator to make a bid for two thirds of the capital.



Whisky galore: Dr Chrls Greig, the managing director of Invergordon, where annual sales improved against the industry trend

Victorious battle of Invergordon cost £4.2m

BY COLLIN CAMPBELL

INVERGORDON Distillers' successful fight to re-main independent in last year's takeover battle for the group by American Brands' Whyte & Mackay Group cost it £4.2 million, year-end

results show.

"Although holders of the majority of Invergordon shares rejected the final offer. American Brands now controls 41.3 per cent of the

result of purchases in the market," said Chris Greig, the managing director of Invergordon.

Invergordon's pre-tax profits of E32.2 million for the year ended December, against £22.7 million previously, were marginally above the forecast made at the height of the takeover hattle, and, as forecast, the 1991 final dividend is being raised from 3p to 4p a share, making a total of 6.5p (5p) for the year. Turnover was 2

per cent up at £92.4 million, but there were significant changes in the sales mix in 1991. Export volumes were up, and in the domestic trade sales of bottled, ownlabel brands showed a 14 per cent rise in volume. This compares with a 7 per cent

The grain distillery at Invergordon continued to operate near capacity. Sales of new grain whisky distil-

decline in the market as a

distillate and neutral alcohol fell. Sales of gin and vodtotal business, increased substantially.

Dr Greig said that sales margins improved by five percentage points, which

was thanks to a tight control Gearing at balance sheet

date was 73 per cent, down from a previous year end level of 113 per cent, and interest cover was 8.1 times.

1992 had started satisfactorily, and the outlook was for volumes to continue to

The increasing use of ownproduced whisky should protect trading margins in 1992, and there will be new trading opportunities once the new white spirit distillery in Greenwich (a joint venture with a Tate & Lyle subsidiary) starts to operate in the autumn.

The shares were un-

Third year loss for estate agent

BY MATTHEW BOND

HAMBRO Countrywide, the quoted estate agent, has reported a third successive year of losses. In 1991 the company made a pre-tax loss of £6.5 million, considerably larger than the £1 million lost in 1990 but smaller than the £10.5 million deficit rung up

The increased losses arise despite an increase in the number of houses sold, the number of mortgages arranged and the number of life policies sold by the group. Completed house sales rose 7.8 per cent to 40,407, while the number of mortgages went up 9.2 per cent to 16,538. The number of life policies rose 4.5 per cent to

Christoper Sporborg, chairman, said: "We continue to make strenuous efforts to control costs, invest in strategic developments and in training to improve our core

Mr Sporborg said the group's current policy was cost control rather than wholesale closure of offices. In fact, right at the end of

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

IN NEW YORK

UNILEVER'S new soft soap

has worked to put it streets

ahead in the \$1.6 billion

American market, where it

now leads its old rival Procter

& Gamble for the first time in

almost a century. In the soap

world, it is causing rather a

The two have been battling

to rule the bathtub since

Unilever launched Lifebuoy

in 1895 to compete with

P&G's Ivory soap, first mar-

keted to American consumers

P&G launched Ivory just

three years after General

George Custer's last stand

and in the year when Thomas

Edison produced the first

31.5 per cent of the toilet soap

sales, topping P&G's 30.5 per

cent. The difference may

But last year. Unilever took

practical electric lamp.

1991, the company paid £1.7 million for the 22-branch estate agency chain being sold by Cheltenham & Gloucester building society, taken its

total number of offices to 487. In the first half of last year the company staffed up in anticipation of a housing market recovery that never arrived. Despite numerous short-lived signs of encouragement during the year, the market got no better. However, Mr Sporborg pointed out that losses had been reduced in the second half of the year.

The lack of activity has continued in the early months of 1991, prompting a warning that early trading results for 1992 were likely to be affected. Mr Sporborg said the market could deteriorate still further if a Labour government were returned at the forthcoming general election. "There is little doubt that higher rates of personal taxation will depress still further all but the lower end of the housing market and thus hamper a widespread recovery in prices and activity." he

Custer: missed soap war

appear small but the trend is

viewed as important. Since

1983 Unilever has increased

its market share from 24 per

cent while P&G has slumped

Unilever achieved this mar-

ket coup with a new brand,

from 37.1 per cent.

Wolseley

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

WOLSELEY, the building distribution company which has reported lower interim profits, says there is scant

end of July.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to January 31 were £33.7 million (£38 million) on a turnover of £876.2 million (£854.5 million). The interim dividend is being held at 3.1p a share. Interim profits bene-fitted by £1.3 million because

and other activities reported a 5.5 per cent reduction in profits, although the division was helped by the elimination of the losses of two agricultural machinery companies, which have now been sold. In February, the company

acquired the Brossette Group, the French plumbing supply specialist, for FF930.9 million (£95 million). Gearing at end-January

pegs its dividend

evidence that recessionary pressures will ease during the rest of the financial year to the

of improved translation rates. In Britain, manufacturing

was 17.4 per cent compared with 19.5 per cent at the end

have overtaken P&G in the

total personal soaps market, it is still only second to Dial, a

deodorant soap owned by a

corporation of the same

name, which is the third larg-

est of the American soap

Dial has just doubled its

advertising spend to \$55 mil-

lion for this year and has launched Spirit, the three-in-

one soap which deodorises,

moisturises. and ... cleans.

Unilever will keep up the

pressure with a \$30 million

advertising cheque while

P&G has sworn vengeance

with a revamped image for

Safeguard, once viewed as a

soap for men, but now getting

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paid for it hack in seven years time. Astonishing it maybe, but then again.

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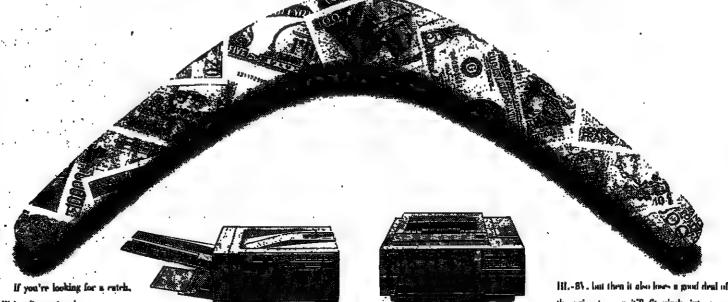
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tion as a family cleanser. As part of the fight, Dial is likely to drop its near 40-year-

Lever 2000, which it claims is The real fight has yet to

STANDARD LIFE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15-11-91

THE GROUP

Standard Life operates in the United Kingdom, Canada and the Republic of Ireland. Over the year total assets under management increased from £19.3 billion to almost £25 billion spread as follows by country of operation:

COUNTRY	£ billion	Percentag
United Kingdom	19.8	80
Canada	4.3	17
Republic of Ireland	0.7	3
TOTAL:	24.8	100

BONUSES

Investment returns over the year were sufficiently good to enable Standard Life to maintain, and in some cases increase, rates of terminal bonus for with profit policies of long duration, although reductions were again necessary at shorter durations.

Sterling's entry into the Exchange Rate Mechanism seems likely to lead to lower inflation, lower interest rates and consequently lower nominal investment returns than those experienced during the past decade.

For this reason, whilst maintaining reversionary bonus rates for 1991, the Company considered it prudent to reduce rates of interim reversionary bonus, and the equivalent bonus growth rates, on UK with profit policies.

If, as expected, inflation is lower in future, there is no reason to believe that the value in real terms of the proceeds of with profit policies will not be maintained. The Company remains committed to producing returns which will compare as favourably with those offered by competing products in the future as they have consistently done in the past.

Reversionary bonus rates remain unchanged for with profit policies in Canada and the Republic of Ireland.

NEW BUSINESS

In 1991 the Company again achieved record amounts of new business, with total new premiums worldwide exceeding £2 billion for the first time, of which £1.4 billion related to the United Kingdom.

Endowment mortgage business in the UK at last year's level showed encouraging stability, despite the continued depression of the housing market.

Success was also achieved in the UK regular premium savings market with new premiums up by almost 90%. Single premium investment business was only marginally down on last year, despite the decision not to offer with profit bonds.

1991 was another particularly successful year for the Company's Canadian organisation with total premium income rising by 12% to nearly \$1.2 billion.

Unfavourable economic conditions and adverse investor sentiment led to an overall reduction in new business in the Republic of Ireland. The Company was however able to take full advantage of the expansion in the pensions market which was stimulated by the 1990 Pensions Act.

JOINT VENTURE WITH THE HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY

The new joint venture company had a successful first year's operation. Future developments should ensure it builds up a significant presence in the unit trust and PEP market in the UK.

SERVICE

Considerable improvement to service has again been achieved over the past year. Standard Life recognises, however, that it must continue to improve the quality of its service and to focus more on its customers' needs.

To provide a consistently high quality of service a substantial investment in staff training is required. During the year, the Company embarked on a significant new programme, leading to the construction of more comprehensive training plans with encouragement for managers to study for professional qualifications in business management.

INVESTMENT

Most of the world's economies have suffered from the effects of recession in the past year. However, financial markets, anticipating the decline in interest rates and inflation and looking ahead to economic recovery in 1992, have recovered strongly from the depressed levels at the end of 1990. Standard Life's investment performance was very good partly as a result of all funds being fully invested throughout the year.

Unlike the financial markets, the property market did not recover in 1991. The Company believes, however, that the lower prices now prevailing make property an attractive investment over the medium to long term.

In keeping with the Company's general policy, investment on behalf of its with profit policyholders was principally in equities and property.

STANDARD LIFE'S ROLE AS INVESTOR

Standard Life is one of the largest equity



Axis Mundi is sited outside Tanfield House, Edinburgh. The sculpture depicts the ascent of the Five Wise Virgins.

investors in the UK and follows closely the activities of the companies in which it invests. Regular meetings with senior company executives are invaluable in building an understanding of the longer term plans and objectives of these companies and a positive interest is taken in the composition of boards of directors to ensure there is no undue concentration of decision-making powers.

The Company always votes on resolutions at General Meetings and, in takeover situations, makes considered decisions which are in the best interests of its policyholders and investors. In this connection, Standard Life warmly welcomes the recent document issued by the Institutional Shareholders' Committee contributing to the debate on "Corporate Governance".

It also strongly supports the initiatives regarding disclosure that the new Accounting Standards Board is starting to take.

SELF REGULATION

Standard Life welcomes the announcement by the Securities and Investment Board (SIB) last year of a wide-ranging review of retail regulation.

The Company supports SIB's view that polarisation – the drawing of a sharp distinction between independent financial advisors and those employed by or tied to a particular company – is clearly in the interests of the consumer.

Standard Life has been concerned that the existence of several overlapping regulatory organisations is almost bound to lead to confusion, anomaly and excessive expense. It has urged SIB to move towards a single self-regulatory organisation for all retail investment products as the most practical means of developing a more meaningful and cost effective regime for the future.

EUROPE

The European Commission has issued a further draft Directive, intended to harmonise the financial and technical requirements for the cross-border selling of life assurance in a single European market. Standard Life is pleased that the regulatory framework proposed is broadly in line with current UK practice.

STAFF

The Chairman and the Managing Director praised highly the efforts of the Company's staff in writing record amounts of new business, and at the same time in further improving the quality of service to policyholders.

BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CHANGES

During the year Mr John B Zaozimy, former Minister of Energy and Natural Resources in the Government of Alberta, Canada, was appointed a director of the Company.

Mr A U Lyburn, General Manager (Personnel) and Mr R R Naudie, Executive Vice President (Corporate) of Standard Life's Canadian Organisation, retired after long and distinguished careers with the Company.

OUTLOOK FOR THE GROUP

Standard Life has strengthened its position in the UK market and has moved further towards establishing an equally significant presence in Canada.

Notwithstanding the general concern about the overall level of demand in 1992 for life assurance, pensions and savings products, Standard Life has little doubt that its financial strength and record, together with the abilities and enthusiasm of its staff, will ensure that it will again increase its share of the markets in which it chooses to operate.

Standard Life

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TEMPUS

Painful diet could bring Prudential back to health

THERE seems no end to the Prudential Corporation's diet. Soon after his appointment as chief executive in 1990. Mick Newmarch ordered the sale of the Belgian subsidiary. Last year, it was the turn of the ill-fate estate agency chain. Now Mr Newmarch has: closed the doors on general insurance broker business.

Time will tell if the Pru emerges leaner and fitter or just leaner. However, most of the disposals were ideal candidates and some have left ugly holes in the Pru's otherwise robust profit and loss account.

The general insurance business was one. Its £77 million pre-tax loss, combined with closure costs of £53 million, transformed healthy figures for 1991 into limp ones, including a retained loss of £113 million.

Group pre-tax profits rose 9 per cent to £267 million, mainly due to the absence of any estate agency losses £34 million last timel. If the Pru had decided to take the closure costs above the line as reorganisation expenses, the picture would have looked far less healthy. Despite this, the dividend for the year is rising 7 per cent to 11p.

Shareholders must now

wait and see what ideas Mr Newmarch comes up with next. The axe may well fall again, since Mercantile & General, the reinsurance arm, is still an uncomfortable fit with the group's retail business, regardless of the group's vocal commitment to the business.

Alternatively, the group may look for an overseas acquisition to repeat the success of Jackson National, its American subsidiary. It could also try to buy a place in the British high street with the acquisition of a building society, although Mr Newmarch has ruled out any approach to Midland Bank.

In the meantime, the City is waiting for the Pru to adopt the new accrual accounting methods which would highlight the innate strength of its life fund. Until then, the shares, at 221p, are reasonably priced on a price/ earnings ratio of 16, assuming \$400 million profit this year.

Laporte

LAPORTE. like any chemist worth his test tube, has neatly changed compounds and has come up with a new formula. At the same time, it has widened further its empire with a deal in America and admits that the empire-building is not over yet.

The hint last November

hint last November



that the Interox joint venture with Belgium's Solvay group would be unwound has been put into effect. Laporte is swapping its stake in the bulk hydrogen peroxide business with Solvay and takes over 100 per cent of the more profitable speciality peroxy chemicals business.

The net effect is to relieve Laporte of extensive capital expenditure that would otherwise have fallen to its lot. In time, there will be a decided kick to net earnings because of the move and there is now a strategic "new" springboard in Germany from which to advance on Europe.

Laporte is buying Rockwood, a family owned iron oxide-based colouring systems business in America, for \$60 million in cash, which gives it a strategic position once the American economy improves.

The Interox deal sees Solvay's 25 per cent stake in Laporte dissipated, partly through the cancellation of shares, partly through a placing of 8.7 per cent with institutional investors at 533p. At the same time, Laporte is raising £40.3 million through another placing to pay for Rockwood.

The profits outlook begins

to look much brighter from 1993 after last year's pre-tax profits of £97.2 million (£103 million), dented in part by the loss of a £6 million contract when a customer married a competitor. Profits could edge to £98 million, or 44.2p per share, this year and jump to £107 million in 1993, for earnings of 50p. The chemistry looks good and, at 567p, on 12.8 times' prospective earnings, Laporte is a buy.

Iceland Frozen Foods

HAVING grown from a single roadside strawberry stall to 500 outlets in 21 years. Iceland Frozen Foods, one of the most remarkable success stories in UK food retailing is about to take on the French. A El million investment in a 50 per cent share in a sleepy French frozen food retailer might represent a small foothold in the most food-conscious culture in Europe, but the trend of European dietary convergence appears to be running in Iceland's direction.

In Britain, the company continues its apparently in-

for-like sales ahead by 15 per cent and a further 41 stores opened last year. In part, the company is benefiting from the consumers trading down during the recession, but even allowing for this, Iceland continues to grow its market share within the froclaims that it has no direct competitors within Europe. thereby protecting it from the threat of continental discounters such as Aldi. Indeed, according to Malcolm Walker, Iceland's chairman and chief executive, several Iceland stores have ecessfully traded alongside

Aidi outlets.

Operating margins came under modest pressure last year, narrowing from 7.1 per cent to 6.5 per cent, but the volume growth more than compensated, allowing pretax profits to rise by 15 per cent to £46.3 million and earnings to grow by 19 per cent to 34.64 p. The dividend was up by 18 per cent at 8.5 p. Profits of £54 million in the current year would give earnings of 36 p. putting the shares on a rating of just over 13 times. Given the company's exceptional growth record, the shares still look good value, despite their recent strong run.

Dow edges up in early trading

New York — Blue chips chang on to the remnants of their opening gains in the late morning, supported by a firmer bond market and the better sentiment in the London market. The Dow Jones industrial average edged up a point to 3,273.14. Rising shares outnumbered falls by eight to six.

El Tokyo — Growing pessimism about a significant cut in interest rates pushed prices lower in thin trading. The Nikkei index dropped 348.03 points, or 1.72 per cent, to 19.891.57. Investors, disillusioned by the central bank of Japan's reluctance to make a quick cut in the official discount rate — at which the central banks to borrow money — stayed away from trading.

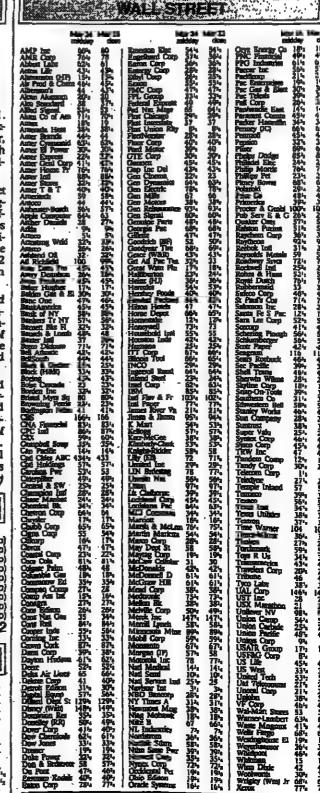
☐ Frankfurt — German shares continued to ease after falling on Monday, but managed to recoup most of yesterday's morning's heavy losses. The Dax index ended 4.34

points down at 1,713.11. However, BMW, the carmaker, and ASKO, the retailer, again resisted the trend, with strong performances, building on last week's gains.

☐ Hong Kong — The market finished slightly lower in tugof-war trading between profit-taking among blue chips and selective buying of utilities and second-liners. The Hung Seng index closed 8.82 points, or 0.17 per cent, down at 5,052.32.

Sydacy — Shares closed slightly weaker as they continued to shadow Tokyo's downward path in the absence of buying signals elsewhere. The all-ordinaries index ended 3.4 points lower at 1,583.4.

☐ Sizgapore — Prices ended higher, supported by bargain-hunting among selected blue-chips, but trading remained dull due to lack of fresh factors, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed 4.04 points higher at 1.439.78. (Reuter)



Sterling bets on property market

ord Sterling is in no doubt. So convinced is he that better times lie ahead that he has spent £1 million on buying 250,000 P&O shares, a gesture echoed by Bruce MacPhail, P&O's managing director, who spent over £500,000 on increasing his personal stake in the shipping-toproperty conglomerate. Indeed, there was rather a lot of what his lordship describes as putting your money where your mouth is yesterday. No more so than at Chelsfield, the private property company run by Elliott Bernerd, which provided a muchneeded boost to the property sector by confirming that it had raised a total of £227 million, including £65 million of pre-commitments to an-£80 million equity placing that BZW will unveil formally today.

To raise any equity in the current property market is remarkable, but to raise £65 million in a week where even the mighty Olympia & York has stumbled is little short of astonishing. Precommitments include £10 million each from Chelsfield and P&O and an as yet unspecified, but significant, investment from British Land. Through their participation, Mr Bernerd, Lord Sterling and John Ritblat - three hardened veterans of earlier slumps - have demonstrated their conviction that there is, or soon will be, money to made from property. Where they lead, others are likely to follow, albeit at a prudently cautious pace.

Lord Sterling is also banking on a property recovery at P&O. The unwinding of Pall Mall Properties, the joint venture with Chelsfield, will swell P&O's investment portfolio to around E1:3 billion. Selling up to £500 million of that over the next three years could be the best way of reducing P&O's gearing, which will rise inconveniently to 70 per cent as a result of yesterday's deals. Property's army of Jeremiahs will say it cannot be done, that the property market is now entering an unexplored wilderness of vacancy rates and unserviceable debt. Three leaders in that market have staked millions on them being wrong. Reputations, as well as personal fortunes, are on the line.

Awaiting the call

fter the long and rewarding reign of two powerful personalities, the management succession at Lloyds Bank was always likely to be tricky. Yesterday's confirmation of Sir Jeremy Morse's retirement shows the difficulties. Sir Robin Ibbs has had an impressive business career, but will surely be little more than a caretaker chairman when he steps up next year. Sir Robin is already 67, two and a half years older than Sir Jeremy. He may well be keeping the seat warm for Sir David Walker, while the latter serves an apprenticeship as deputy chairman, an initiation that Sir Jeremy underwent in 1976. That arrangement leaves room for the possibility, depending in part on the outcome of the election. that Sir David could become Governor of the Bank of England next year, after Robin Leigh-Pemberton comes to the end of his second term. Sir David. a former Bank director, could strengthen his chances further with a spell on the board of a clearing bank.

Brian Pitman is to stay on as Lloyds' chief executive until 1995, when he will be 63 and three years above the normal executive retirement age. Michael Hepher, the former head of Lloyds Abbey Life, was regarded as heir apparent until he moved to British Telecom. Lloyds kept the field wide open yesterday by appointing John Davies as deputy chief executive. Mr Davies is 59 and not, therefore, an obvious successor. Whoever eventually takes either job_at Lloyds will have a lot to live up to — and no Midland Bank to inherit.

Ford takes chequered flag on the line as Vauxhall aims for its crown

Vauxhall is challenging Ford's position as the leading seller of new cars. Kevin Eason looks at the battle for the coveted top slot

an McAllister has come out punching hard in the third round of the bitter battle for supremacy over the British car market between Ford and Vauxhall. Ford has been the nation's biggest car company for 15 years and Mr McAllister, the new chairman of Ford UK, has told his 1,000 dealers that he is not going to give up that position easily.

The company had a bad start to

the year, announcing 2,100 redundancies and a record financial loss of £590 million. The last thing Ford and its dealers need is the confidence-sapping announcement that Vauxhall has won the lead as Britain's biggest supplier of new cars. The record says that Ford still has its top position, but the official figures have masked a desperate clawback by the company in each of the past two months.

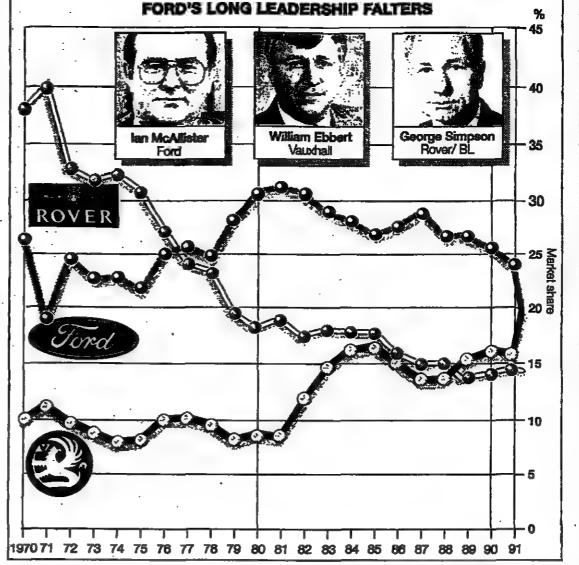
Vauxhall, the British subsidiary of General Motors, has come close to knocking Ford off the top position, mainly because of a better range of models. Vauxhall's Cavalier has become the top-selling car and the new Astra, introduced late last year, has been widely acclaimed. Ford's Sierra, the chief competitor to the Cavalier, is due for replacement and its new Escort was greeted coolly on its

Ford might be leading on points, in boxing parlance, but its efforts look increasingly like those of the overweight, flatfooted old champion, but throwing everything into one big effort that might drain has strength for later rounds. Ford cars continue to feature regularly among the first few positions of the top ten best sellers, but at what cost? The price of ensuring cars are best sellers is expensive when they are not the cars the buyers really want.

The first thing to understand about the current battle is that the monthly sales figures are not a record of sales at all, but of registrations. Officially, a car does not have to leave the showroom with a customer to go to, merely to be given its registration documents.

That means manufacturers can land a variety of clever low blows to ensure their own monthly figures look healthy. Cars can be registered by dealers as demonstrators, a quick and easy ploy for the manufacturer boost its end-month totals. A favourite with big manufacture

ers is to have cars registered with company fleets, particularly daily rental fleets. The rental fleets buy the cars at discounts of as much as 40 per cent, filtering them back onto the market as soon as six or eight weeks later to be sold as nearly-newcars. A little pressure on a main fleet customer, in which the manufactur-



er might even have a financial stake, might encourage it to place an order strategically towards the end of the sales month, artificially boosting

sales figures. When Mr McAllister took over as chairman at the turn of the year, he gave an idealistic promise that Ford was no longer in the business of buying registrations. He said he wanted to scale down heavily discounted fleet deals that made no profit for Ford, having only the value

of maintaining registrations.
In January, Ford found itself trailing Vauxhall after 20 days, but somehow found 15,000 extra registrations towards the end of the month to retain leadership. February was even more fascinating, as the unthinkable was about to happen. By Friday, February 28, Ford public relations executives closeted in the company's unprepossessing headquarters at Warley, Essex, were convinced that they had lost market

leadership.
Bill Ebbert, Vauxhall's chairman, was understandably cock-a-hoop. A 20-year haul back from huge financial losses, inefficient factories and unreliable cars had been completed by overtaking both Ford and Rover in the sales charts. Vauxhall only started to pay cor-

poration tax, for the first time in two decades, in 1989 as the business

paid off £300 million of accumulated debt. The struggle over those 20 years had forced Vauxhall to introduce new working practices, radically increasing productivity by as much as 60 per cent in four years at its Luton, Bedfordshire, plant. Mod-els were improved and new marketing strategies introduced.

he key to Vauxhall's restructuring was the company's push to build exports to the Continent to boister its domestic sales and set against imports from GM's continental plants. Last year, Vauxhall sent 102,000 cars across the Channel from its main production plants at Luton and Ellesmere Port, Merseyside, out of total British output of more than 261,000 cars, turning it into a net exporter. Exports enabled Vauxhail to withstand the impact of the slump in the British market, down by a third in two years.

Instead of discounting, Vauxhall took the marketing high ground of setting fixed prices for key models. such as the Astra, to end the haggling that customers said they did not want. The move was in direct opposition to Ford's price-cutting, to some extent forced on the business by its reliance on its home market. Vauxhall geared up for exporting two years ago. George Simpson.

chairman of Rover, is changing his company's entire marketing strategy to overseas sales. Mr Simpson wants 60 per cent of output to go abroad and is well on target with exports last year up to 240,000 while production for the domestic market fell below 230,000. By contrast, Ford exports only the

Fiesta, the small car made at Dagenham, Essex. Overseas sales account for about 60 per cent of the daily output of 1,100 cars, an endorsement of the rapid quality and efficiency improvements at Ford's oldest British plant.

Ford is, however, a large net importer. British production of the Escort, Britain's best-selling car throughout the Eighties, has been sold only at home. The Escort has been Ford's bread-and-butter car, the mainstay of fleets and a moneyspinner in good times.

The latest generation of the car arrived to scathing criticism and has not yet really recovered. The Escort plant at Halewood, Merseyside, was on short-time working for the second half of last year and only this year has pilot production on Escort exports started. A new multi-valve engined Zeta range has been introduced, but rival manufacturers have been marketing small multi-

valve cars for years. Against the background of Ford's

British market would have sealed the success of Vauxhall's strategy but the dream was shattered on March 3 when final registrations were added up. Ford had won lead-

ership back by just 149 cars. After three weeks in which Ford's daily sales never exceeded 1,000 cars, suddenly the company recorded registrations in the last four days of 2,689, 2,171, 1,216 and 1,013. They were enough to sneak past Vauxhall. Ford later admitted that two fleet deals had brought orders for "hundreds of cars" although the company refused to elaborate on how big an impact they had on the last days of February.

If February was a close shave, then there is to be no mistake this month. Dealers have been told in a letter from Ernie Thompson, Ford's sales director, that the company wants a 30 per cent share of the March new car market, closer to levels ten years ago and much more than February's 22.8 per cent.
This declaration of intent came

immediately after the Budget when discounts worth up to £750 were added to savings averaging £400 a car from the halving of special car tax. In reality, some dealers have been offering even more generous discounts to keep stock moving.

That is hardly surprising given the incentives — double previous bonuses — on offer to dealers. Those selling between 50 and 75 per cent of their sales targets for Fiesta and Escort models this month will be paid £100 a car. Between 75 and 100 per cent, the incentives rise to £300 (up from £150) and by over 100 per cent to £500 a car (£200

previously).

Offers on Orion, Sierra and Granada are similarly worth up to £500 for the dealer who gets registrations and helps propel Ford towards its 30 per cent target share for March. That means ford is spending as much as £1,300 per car before it leaves the showroom, a bold market-ing strategy that should "move metand retain leadership but that is unlikely to put any profit back into the Warley coffers.

auxhall remains a leadership contender and gathers strength in the marketplace. Several other manufacturers are also nibbling away at Ford's traditional customer base. Rover's market share is reviving: Peugeot has leapt from taking under 3 per cent of UK sales to almost 8 per cent, while Nissan, now manufacturing at Washington, Tyne & Wear, is girding its loins, having lost market share and been obliged to concentrate on export markets during the dispute with its former main distributor.

The increasing confidence of rival manufacturers will surely bring an end to the domination of car sales in Britain by one company. Ford has enjoyed its position for 15 years, accounting, at its peak, for one in three of all new car sales. The pressure from Vauxhall means Ford's domination could be brought to an end soon, but that will only end the waiting that has surrounded the motor industry all year.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Renate drives into Broadgate

ILL STREET

RENATE Weisenthal, owner of the successful Renate designer clothes shop in Knightsbridge, has used her husband's motor industry contacts to secure an interest store in the Bishopsgate section of the Broadgate development aimed specifically at the female executive. Weisenthal, whose husband is a director of Mercedes, friend, irrepressible million-aire David Wickens, one-time chairman of British Car Auctions, to back her new City venture. Wickens, aged 72, who once similarly tried his hand at the restaurant business as the backer of Number 10 in Old Burlington Street, admits to knowing "nothing at all" about clothes but says he is happy to "dip a toe in the waters," of the world of fashion. After selling BCA to Michael Ashcroft's ADT group in 1987. Wickens retired to Spain, but has since grown tired of the "gold Rolex belt" of Marbella and lives instead in Majorca. Although Wickens has sold his house in Eaton Place, and uses service apartments when in town, he is clearly becoming bored. He reveals that he is looking for a new challenge, but not fashion. "Something a little more serious," he says.

BZW U-turn

WITH pre-election bonus payments now in the news, it comes to light that for the past two years BZW has availed itself cleverly of a legal loophole and delivered its bonus payments to staff in unit trusts, thereby avoiding



national insurance contributions. This year, however, the securities house has decided to play it by the book and has paid its bonus payments in cash. BZW insists that this fine display of rectitude has nothing to do with the ap-pointment as BZW chairman of Sir Peter Middleton, the ex-permanent secretary at the Treasury. According to an inhouse spokesman, Middleton arrived in March 1991 and the bonus U-turn only came about last November, when the legal loophole on unit trusts was plugged.

Kuwait next for BP BP, which has recently taken a drumming over its 1991 results - and where chairman Bob Horton earned £787,000 last year, including bonus payments but excluding share options - looks set to be the first Western oil company to be invited into Kuwait in the aftermath of the Gulf war. Full details have yet to be confirmed by BP, which says it is still in negotiations, but a technical services deal should soon go through which, though small, is potentially of great significance. According to New York news-

letter Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, no Western company presence would have been countenanced in Kuwait prior to the Iraqi invasion, but Kuwait is now in urgent need of advice on its best oil producing options in the postwar era. BP, which has beaten rival oil companies including Chevron, Amoco and Shell to the post, will now have a foot in the door as Kuwait turns westwards for further oil expertise. The contract should, according to the newsletter's author, provide sufficient for 30 executive salaries. — but presumably none of them would be in quite the same league as Horton's.

Florida work-out

MIKE Pierce, the former salesman who claims to have sold air-conditioning to eskimos in his day, is stepping up his efforts to save British industry. Pierce, formerly of Handley-Walker, the management consultant bought. out by PE group in October, is determined to win the minds of Britain's managers with his idea of "intrapeneurship" - a mat-

disgruntled staff.
"There is so much doom and gloom in this economy that a lot of latent talent goes unnoticed," says Pierce, an Irishman who grew up in Canada, and who will be going on British radio this week to discuss his ideas. He is offering two-day workshops in Florida this summer for

ter, he claims, of remotivating

he hopes, will return suitably motivated. At a cost of £500 for two days plus air fare, they CAROL LEONARD | Lymington, Hants.:

burned-out managers whom,

Elwes did consider other systems Prom Mr Nigel Blwes Sir, I hope you will permit me to correct a point made by Peter Rawlins in his interview propriate mechanism for trading UK equities. The committee, strongly support-

with Mr Kay (March 17). Mr Rawlins maintains that the Elwes Committee was not looking at other ways of making markets of trading. This is not true. Our terms of reference when we were ap-pointed by the council in 1988 included instructions "to review the present market structure" and to "consider the present competing Mar-ket Maker system in compari-son with other systems.

As part of our work we visited most major overseas exchanges to study alterna-tive dealing systems, and much of the Consultative Document of May 1989 was devoted to our views on the effectiveness of the market. In July 1990 we published the Implementation Plan in which we stated one of the committee's prime aims was to assess whether the competing Market Maker system and SEAQ was the most an-

ed by responses from the membership, concluded that the choice of trading mech-anism made in preparation for Big Bang has been

On one further point, I am pleased that Mr Rawlins has now accepted the need for one integrated mechanism to handle Stock Exchange business. This need was high-lighted by the Special Committee in their report of March 1990. They noted that "firms are concerned that the systems interfaces with the ISE are not what they should be". We outlined in Appendix 4 of our report, the concept of the Market Access Service which would allow all firms "to access prices, deal, confirm and setthe bargains through a com-mon systems interface. Yours faithfully, NIGEL ELWES. Aylestield Farmhouse,

From Dr. J. B. Illingworth

Sir. It was with sorrow an a

degree of disgust that I noted

(Business Times March 19)

the implied satisfaction that

BAT had achieved a profit of

recognised as a product caus-

Yours faithfull

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Salisbury,

J. B. ILLINGWORTH,

Alton, Hants.

BAT profits Satisfied customer

From Mrs E. M. Thomas Sir, I have been reading with interest the letters in your Business supplement regarding "friendly banks". When I was 20, I went to the branch £1 billion on tobacco sales. of Barclays Bank in New Surely in this day and age it is a matter for shame rather Bond Street to open my first bank account. The manager than congratulations that read my letter of introduction such profits are being made by the sale of what is well and then smiled and said: Would you like to open your account by taking something out, or paying something in?" I am now 81, and needless ing a high incidence of disability, disease, and death. no say. I still bank with I am, Sir,

Barclays! Yours faithfully E. M. THOMAS. 13 The Cloisters. Belmore Lane.

From Mr D. H. Maddock

Sir, Your correspondent A. F. Rousell (Business Letters March 18), in supporting Glaxo's pricing policies, makes the derogatory, dis-missive remark that "all the chemist has to do is hand the stuff over the counter against a doctor's prescription".

I am the practicing phar-

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Pharmacist's role

macist member of a Project Board charged with produc-ing a model describing community pharmacy, through the expansion of the NHS Common Basic Specification.

The Project is proceeding to plan, and scheduled for completion in September, yet after only six months's work. the model already extends to some 600 pages.
At the end of one traumatic

workshop session, the Senior Consultant from a major international organisation, remarked that he had always been puzzled that "on entering a seemingly empty pharmacy with the pharmacist just pottering about in the back on his own, he was told to return for his medicine in about 20 minutes. After that one session of analysis, he (the consultant) was surprised that he was not told to return in two days!" There is a little more to community pharmacy than just handing out a potent medicine over the

Perhaps Mr Rousell should also be reminded that it was a pharmacist (Dr David Jack), who led and inspired Glaxo's Research and Development Division that produced the products that are the basis of Glaxo's extraordinary commercial success.

Yours faithfully. D. H. MADDOCK. M. Pharm, Ph.D. Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Cefn Ydfa, 44 Church Street.

Padstow, Cornwall.

Shadow over homes used as collateral

Sir, Further to Anatole Kaletsky's analysis of the Shadow budget, there is another aspect worthy of comment.

The big increase in tax and NIC on incomes over £23,000 will mean that less money is available for mortgage repayments. This will cause a drop in house prices, especially higher valued houses. I estimate that a 10 per cent fall would be necessary to accommodate this.

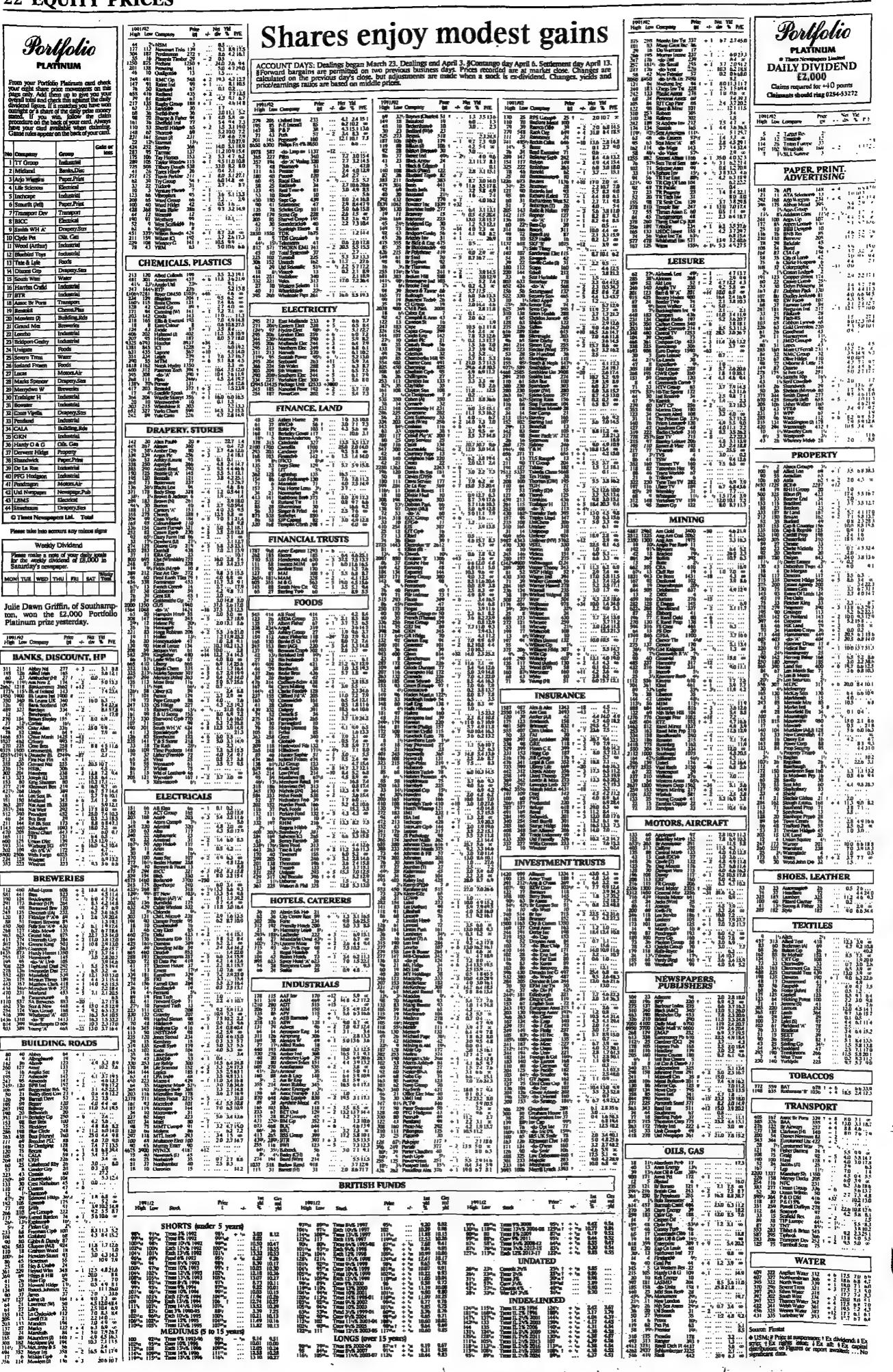
This fact has been widely discussed. But it will have important consequences, not so far mentioned.

A straw poll among family, friends and business acquaintances reveals that the largest mortgages have been taken out by people wishing to re-

rightly seen as the likely en-gine of growth and new jobs. Despite the confident and reassuring presentation, the greater the scrutiny of the Shadow budget the less substance it is seen to have. Yours faithfully,

T. M. NEILL. 6 Pound Meadow, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Basingstoke, Hants.





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Japanese Jung-ealth confidence slumps to a five-year low

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS confidence among Japanese companies. desperate for a cut in interest rates, has shumped to the bearish level last seen during the 1986 recession, according to a survey from the ministry of finance in Tokyo.

MARCH 25 16

Government and the financial markets have been clamouring for weeks for a cut in the official discount rate, (ODA), but Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, (BoJ), has resisted the pressure, insisting that the central bank is still evaluating the impact of the reductions itmade in the ODA last year, most recently in December.

The economic indicators have long signalled slowdown and weakening inflationary pressure, providing scope for a rate cut. Market analysis expect a cut by the end of the financial year on March 31 of

minority shares in Westing-house Brake and Signal Co

house Brake and Signal Co (Australia), after the £1.5 bil-lion takeover by BTR, the parent group, of Hawker Siddeley, which held 85 per cent of Westinghouse. BTR Nylex said it would offer Aus\$10 (£4.50) cash for

each Westinghouse share

with an alternative offer of

BTR Nylex shares. It did not

elaborate on the scrip offer,

but said the number of shares

on issue was 7.8 million.

Westinghouse shares last

traded on February 28 at

inghouse enables us to secure

a significant expansion of our existing rail businesses in the

rapidly growing Australian

"The acquisition of West-

BTR Nylex to make

Westinghouse offer

From REUTER IN MELBOURNE

BTR Nylex is to bid for the and Pacific Rim markets,"

ODA, currently at 4.5 per-cent. The cur would be accompanied by the economic package the government has announced to stimulate the

Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Yamaichi İnternational, said the case for an immediate cut was "over-whelming". He said Mr Mieno was in danger of pursuing a policy of overkill that could cause severe problems on the depressed Japanese markets.

Tsutomu Hata, the Japanese finance minister, yesterday sought to assure that the goverenment, package of measures would boost growth and give business confidence a lift. But his department's survey showed that the number of companies which believe the economy will

BTR Nylex said. It said Westinghouse had a

strong technology manufac-turing base in Australia.

"Nylex has the management

capability to ensure an en-

hancement of its earnings from the development of

the formal offer document to

be lodged with the Australian

than April 13.

BTR Nylex said it expected

these combined resources."

50 to 75 basis points in the shrink in the current quarter exceeded the number expecting it to expand. Companies expressed similar negative sentiments for the second quarter and are only looking for a return to growth in the third quarter.

. The January-March index. which shows the balance between companies reporting upturn and those reporting downsum, showed a minus 12.1 per cent for large companies, minus 9.8 per cent for medium-sized firms, and minus 10.6 per cent for small firms. Sentiment in manufacturing was worse than for the

service sector.

The survey also shows that pre-tax profits are expected to drop an annualised 6.7 per cent in the six months to March, but rise again by 1.9 per cent in the coming six months. On Tuesday, the BoJ reported that the economic data for January and Febru-ary showed that the slide was continuing, but that recovery could be expected in the next

Japan's domestic wholesale prices were unchanged in the first 10 days of March, giving an annual fall of 0.7 per cent. This augurs well for slowing inflation, expected to be confirmed in consumer price

data on Friday.

While the Japanese authorities are keen to avoid unleashing the "bubble economy", the twin stimulus of government measures and an ODA car should boost business confidence and provide a prop for share prices. Whether turns will be sufficiently emboldened to speed up capital investment programmes significantly is, however, less

Securities Commission by March 30, and the formal offer to be made to Westing-house shareholders no later ☐ The French February trade surplus narrowed to Fr407 million from Pr3.53 The statement made no mention of whether BTR Nylex would also bid for Hawker de Havilland, which billion in January, official seasonally-adjusted figures showed. This brought the surplus so far to Fr3.94 billion (Fr8.67bn deficit). was 72.85 per cent owned by Hawker Siddeley.



Danger of economic overkill: Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan

Warning on 'Maxwell martyrs'

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE pension industry will suffer "irreparable damage" unless compensation is paid to victims of the Maxwell pension fund scandal, business leaders were warned

yesterday.

Mr Ken Trench, who is fighting for compensation for thousands of Maxwell pension fund members, warned the industry not to underestimate the effect of the sage. "If Maxwell pensioners do

not receive compensation and become Maxwell martyrs, the pension industry will bear the stigma for many years to come and lose its high-ontrust, low-on-risk image," he told a conference at the Confederation of British Industry in London.

Mr Trench, chairman of the Maxwell Private Companies Pension Fund Members Association, called on the pension industry to support his group's demand for an independent inquiry into the failure of the regulatory

He urged delegates, who included officials of pension funds from top British companies, to join the fight for compensation.

"Public awareness of company pensions has never been higher but your image has

Salaries soaring on Wall Street

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

Lynch, which is America's largest stock broker, were given pay packages totalling \$88 million last year when the firm made record profits of \$700 million.

William Schreyer, Merrill's chairman, was given a 51 per cent rise to \$5.9 million and granted share options worth \$10.9 million at Monday's market price. Daniel Tully, the president, received \$4.9 million in cash and share options worth \$9.4 million.

Eleven other executives received cash and share options worth an average of \$5.2 mil-lion. Merrill pointed out that the options should not be included as part of the salary because the executives cannot cash them immediately.

Mr Schreyer's options allow him to buy shares in Merrill at \$21.37 2. The broker's price closed at \$583s on

TOP executives at Merrill Monday. Merrill Lynch's pay packets are the fattest so far on Wall Street, which, last year, went from bust to boom. Losses of \$162 million in 1990 were transformed by a soaring stock market into record profits of \$5.9 billion.

Analysts are forecasting more pay rises as investment banks and brokers disclose last year's executive compensation in documents lodged with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Some

already have.
The pay of Howard Clark. Shearson Lehman Brothers' chairman, doubled to \$2.8 million last year, Frank Zarb. who heads Smith Barney, Harris Upham, received a 43 per cent increase to \$2.3 milberg, the chairman of Bear Steams, was awarded cash and options up 26 per cent to:

Cathay **Pacific** cuts costs

PROM LULU YU

IN HONG KONG FALLING profits have led Cathay Pacific Airways to start cutting costs and increasing productivity. The flag-carrying airline, a sub-sidiary of Swire Pacific, made net profits of HK\$2.95 billion (£222 million) last year, down 1.5 per cent. David Gledhill, the chairman, said the results had been hurt by the Gulf war, which reduced world

He said: "Although passengers started to fly again in greater numbers in the latter part of the year, the recession continued and price competi-tion increased as airlines struggled to conserve or improve cash flow." While he hoped for improved revenues this year, the airline's success would depend on its ability to control costs.

Operating profit rose mar-ginally, from HK\$3.62 bilion to HK\$3.65 billion. Net

Dividend at Goal raised

By PHILIP PANGALOS

GOAL Petroleum, the independent oil exploration and production company, is raising its dividend in spite of a 4.5 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £10.1 million in the. year to end-December.

Turnover increased by 7.4. per cent to £44.8 million, in: spite of an 11 per cent fall in: the average price of oil from £12.05 to £10.72 per barrel of oil. The group lost about £5.5 million on turnover because of the fall in the oil price. Production advanced by 21 per cent to a record 11,460 barrels of oil per day. The figures were boosted by a full contribution from Wytch Farm, Dorset.

Low costs and cash genera-tion enabled the group to-reduce gearing from 39 per-cent to 22 per cent. Earnings climb from 4.24p to 4.92p a share. The dividend is being lion to HK\$3.65 billion. Net finance charges soared 48 per cent to HK\$238 million. The shares firmed 4p to 44p.

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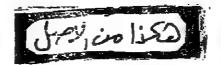
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Staff with a say in policy

Employees work best if their aims match the company's. Michel Syrett describes the modern approach

ompanies will meet the challenges of the 1990s only by carry-ing their staff with them, says Tony Barnes, the director of the Europe Japan Centre at Osaka Gas. Mr Barnes says the Japanese have a headstart because of their effective human resource strataged to understand the business and to subscribe to

company values, he says.

Mr Barnes is a key speaker at the conference organised by the Institute of Training and Development to mark Human Resource Development Week, the annual gathering of human resource managers and personnel specialists.

Managing change through creative personnel strategies is one of the conference's themes. Mr Barnes says Japa-nese workers perform better than Europeans because they are given a better understanding of the need for company growth, increased profits and wider markets, and have more say in helping employers to achieve goals. The Japanese approach is based on kaizen, which assumes that our way of life, at work or at home, deserves to be constantly improved. As a human resource strategy, kaizen means delegating deci-

industrial policy, and ensuring that employees' goals are close to those of the business. "The ability to tap the creativity and ideas of individfeature of Japanese human resource: strategies," Mr Barnes says. Managers give the employees greater licence to be inventive; ensure they are

sions closer to the people who do the work, striving for

consensus in all aspects of

trained and give them recog-nition when they succeed. Mr Barnes names many Western companies that have adopted this philosophy of continuous improvement, including blue-chip enterprises such as ICL, ICI and Grand Metropolitan. Continuous



Involvement: Tony Barnes, left, shares company policy with employees at Osaka Gas

to encourage staff to be inno-

Warwick teaching staff also

authorities on local training

vative and open-minded." An important feature of

management development during the past ten years, for example, has helped to make ICL part of the world's second largest information technology consortium, says Andrew Mayo, ICL's personnel director. Mr Mayo says: "We wanted managers who were the freedom the company marketing-led, capable of tak-ing a long-term view and able gives to employees at all levels to manage their careers.

The company has set up

in their jobs through special assignments, projects and secondments, ensure that managers can apply training quickly and provide constant reaction, guidance on career planning, and support from in-house mentors.

Mr Barnes says ICL is proof that Japanese approaches are easily adapted by the West. The changes taking place in business pose enormous challenges," he says. "It asks managers, 'Are you really using your human resource to its full capacity and tapping people for their ideas, imagination, vision and vitality?

 Andrew Mayo is the author of Managing Careers - Strat-egies for Organisations, pub-lished by the Institute of Personnel Management. The Human Resource Development Week Conference and Exhibition is from March 31 to April 2 at Wembley. It is organised on behalf of the Institute of Training and Development by Blenheim Mari-borough. Tickets and further information from Justine Par-kinson, Blenheim Marlborough, 630 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5BG (081-

Cut the errors to cut the cost

MANY companies ask what solutions" and "the generali they should do if they suffer from "quality droop" as they struggle to improve employee performance with new approaches to total quality management, Michel Syrett writes.

Quality droop, says Nigel Slack, professor of manufacturing at Warwick University. happens when businesses introduce total quality management with a fanfare but fail to build it into their objectives and personnel strategies.

Enthusiasm and the programme's effectiveness wane and managers and supervi-sors become cynical. Professor Slack says: "Too often, total quality management is seen as an end in itself, not a means to greater productivity and im-provement. Senior directors swallow the theories of quality gurus whole without taking into account the attitude of their workforce and the individual circumstances of their own businesses."

Market research commisstoned by the American firm Organisational Dynamics suggests that many UK businesses have learnt this lesson. A survey of more than 100 UK quality managers found many wary of "standardised sations of quality gurus". American packages were thought to be brash, overpriced and inappropriate for

UK culture. When Girobank managers introduced a total quality management programme in 1987, they knew the company

had to take its own approach. Gordon Henderson, the head of corporate quality, says: Our inspectors are our customers and by the time they find something wrong, the damage has been done. We have introduced measures to ensure that errors almost never reach customers."

Girobank has started mitment to quality is kept alive in employees. The company runs annual workshops to inform staff of company expectations, and links bonus es and performance pay to quality objectives. Keyboard errors are down

by half, post office errors by per cent, customer comventory costs by 38 per cent. Girobank was the first service company to win a British quality award. The savings since 1987 are £8 million.

Management therapy

The NHS is being treated with modern

methods for its radical changes

The changes brought about by nearly a decade of continuous reform in the National Health Service have triggered a wide range of training and development initiatives, Michel Syrett writes. Some have been coordinated by the NHS Training Directorate and others by dis-trict health authorities and board members of the new trusts, who are creating the NHS strategic framework.

The most pressing short-term need has been for programmes to help the district health authorities and units such as hospitals or day-care centres to adapt to their new role as purchasers of health care services.

The management consultant KPMG, for example, has worked with regional health authorities, educating finance managers in new procedures and approaches using dis-nance learning materials and roadshows led by senior NHS

"A key issue has been the Initiatives to emerge from the



At the forefront of health service reform: Dr Louise FitzGerald and Ken Jarrold

devolution of financial responsibility to operating units," Colin Carmichaei, a KPMG partner. The road-shows are catalysts, providing a framework for senior financial managers, who then cas-

cade the information throughout the NHS." The training directorate has also worked with leading UK business schools to give NHS

managers general business skills, following the principles of the 1986 report, "Better Management, Better Health". One of the most successful

report has been the Management Education Scheme by Open Learning (MESOL). Through a £2 million contract with the directorate, the Open Business School has given management training to more than 4,000 health professionals since March 1990.

Developed with the Institute of Health Service Management, the Open Business School course, Managing Health Services, is for NHS professionals in first-time management roles. Nurses, sisters, midwives, doctors, consultants and ambulance staff have taken part.

second phase of the project, for middle managers, is being carried out by the Open Business School with polytechnics and regional health authorities. Six courses are planned dursix courses are planned dur-ing the next two years. The first. Managing Health Ser-vices Information and Fi-nance and Managing Health Service Delivery, will be avail-able from November.

Warwick Business School has an important role in the NHS training initiative. The school is the main centre for the NHS management training scheme, providing "fast-track" management education for graduate recruits. About 100 of the most capable young NHS managers have passed through the programme since it started in 1986.

The programme takes 22 months to complete and combines work experience with formal training and projects.

schemes. A pioneering pro-gramme designed by the North-West Thames Regional Health Authority mixes senior consultants with professional Dr Louise FitzGerald, who developed the programme with the authority, says: "It is novel for a health authority to work across professional boundaries like this, but it has benefits in encouraging them to work together in mixed teams on a real workplace Despite health authority initiatives and the training direc-

torate's efforts, management training across the whole ser-vice is far more patchy. Ken Jarrold, the general manager of Wessex Regional Health Authority, who is involved in NHS management development, emphasises that few health authorities have yet tried to ensure that their senior staff are properly prepared to manage the NHS changes.

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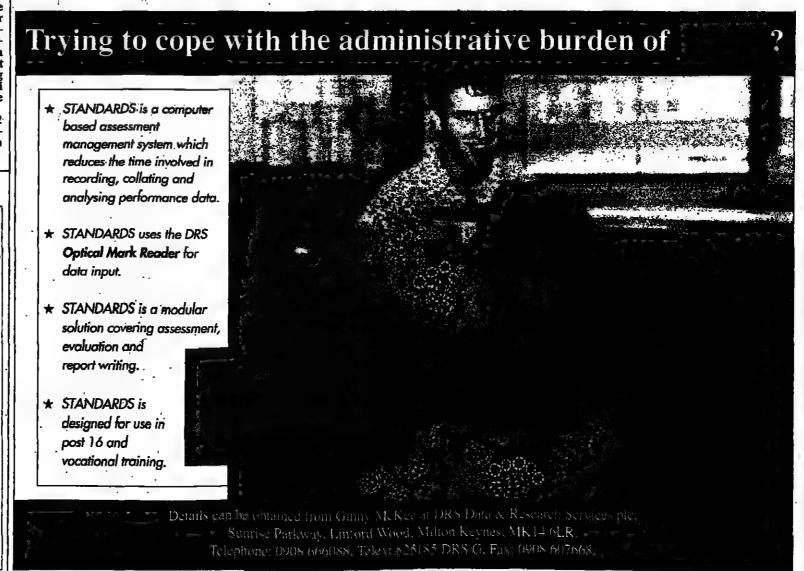
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Baldaro bemoans lack of BAF funding

Cross country gets a great mileage running on empty

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THERE is a belief in sport marketing agency to the that you only get out of it what you put in. Not always. Take the case of the British Athletic Federation (BAF).

It puts next to nothing into cross country but has the best team in Europe: men and women who are the competitive equal of their counterparts on the track. Not that they are treated that way.

They prepared for the world championships in Bos-ton last weekend with no financial support for training camps, medical back-up only for the select few who had proven themselves on the track, and, the final insult, a daily allowance a small fraction of that given to Britain's international athletics teams.

Bud Baldaro, the national coach for cross country, despairs of the attitude. He knows that no BAF initiative for support is likely, even after the results of the weekend, when the British squad yield-ed an individual gold medal, through Paula Raddiffe, and a set of senior men's team bronze medals.

Sooner or later somebody is going to put an end to Kenya's domination of the men's team events - senior champions for the last seven years, junior winners for the last five — and there is great prestige to be had in doing so. The British deserve to be given a better chance.

We now have a world cross-country champion and I bet I will get back and be told it is not a marketable commodity," Baldaro said. All the energies of Alan Pascoe Associates (APA), the

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ing his title.

the £50,000 prize-money.

riders will compete in a one-

The organisers aim to have

at least one overseas profes-

sional in every race, and regard the presence of Sean Kelly, the Irishman who leads

the Perrier World Cup com-

petition after winning the Milan-San Remo classic last

PROGRAMME: May 13: Leeds: 15: Sheffield: 19: Peterborough; 21: Bristol; June 8: Newcastle-upon-Tyne; 16: Brigh-ton, 18: Salisbury; 23: Beffast; August 25 Aberdeen, 30: Edinburgh.

By HENRY KELLY

THERE was almost too

much good sport on television

in the last seven days. On the

fields of play and off, there

week, as a priority.

BAF, have been concentrated on track and field. The initiative to bring the world crosscountry championships to Durham city in 1995 came from Brendan Foster's company. Nova International, though it eventually won BAF backing and was clinched by

Andy Norman, its promo-Fed up with waiting for money to come in through BAF channels, Baldaro has taken the task upon himself and believes he is on the point of securing a £250,000 sponsorship to take British cross country up to the 1995 world championships in Durham. He envisages that as a glorious occasion and if he has to ruffle a few BAF feathers

along the way, then so be it. When he dared last November to go directly to APA, he was given not cash in hand but a rap on the knuckles. "It is not Bud Baldaro's job to be speaking to APA," the BAF said. He was advised to sub-



mit a development plan and did. The reponse? "I've not had any," he said. "If we cannot use our success here as a launching pad for 1995 we need a kick up the backside." Meanwhile, Andrea Duke

tries to find her way unaided through the medical jungle. Duke is an outstanding athlete; aged 18, she was the equal of Radcliffe before being struck by injury. Bal-daro feels that, with Duke in the team, Britain's junior women, and not Ethiopia's, would have ended Kenya's run of team success. Yet her future is being left to chance.

She is not on the BAF register for medical help. "We need to make certain these people are being cared for," Baldaro urged. So, with no BAF hands to the shovel, he has started on the launching pad himself. The sponsorship that he is "reasonably optimistic" of securing would be spent on medical help and altitude training.
Commendably, the BAF

has this year strengthened its commitment to medical inletes, twice as many as before. But you have to prove yourself as a track athlete first; if you do cross country as well, that's fine. And Baldaro wants holding camps for his squads before world championships.

Ken Rickhuss, chairman of the BAF cross country com-mission, is concerned also. "The BAF has got to start thinking of us," he said. "We get less than one per cent of their total turnover." The medals brought back from

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Ski decision is a blow to Britain

BY ALLX RAMSAY

BY PETUR BRYAN THE £2.7 million Scottish Provident city centre interna-tional racing league, which helped cycling to become the country's eleventh most popu-

lar televised sport in last year's third quarter, starts a new series of ten events in Leeds on May 13, with Jon Clay, the local rider, defend-Clay, who led from start to finish last year, welcomed the spread of the venues, which peting in the men's downhill and slalom. include four newcomers in

Peterborough, Brighton, Salisbury and Aberdeen, and The televised competition also includes a new element. Before the main 45-minute city-centre event, five selected lap time-trial of the half-mile organisers felt they had to eliminate some competitors. circuit for points in the overall

The decision was made by the International Co-ordinating Committee (ICC) together with the race organisers in France. "The events would have to be cancelled if there were not enough skiers," Joan Scruton of the ICC said. "In order to give the athletes the

the move as "an absolute non-

THE Winter Paralympics in France start today with prob-

tional Blind Sports Association's regulations, the organisers in Tignes have combined the B2 and B3 classes in some of the Alpine and Nordic events. At the same time, they have prevented the blind skiers from com-

The official reasons for the decision come down to numbers. There were too few skiers entered for some classes in the giant slalom and super giant slalom while, in the downhill, there were too many entrants overall and the

opportunity to compete we combined the classes."

Zach Freeth, head of the British delegation, describes

sense" and the British will not be alone in making an official protest about the decision. "It is bureaucracy gone mad," Freeth sald. "Basically

it means the person who can see the best, the B3, is competing against someone with greater disadvantage. The B2s haven't a chance. The decision has affected

Britain's medal hopes. Richard Burt is a downhill and slalom specialist who won the bronze medal in both events at the 1990 world champion-

ships at the age of 16.
Two years later, having been unbeaten in Europe for the last two seasons, he had hoped to improve on that result in Tignes. But he has been relegated to just two events, the giant and supergiant slaloma.

While he carries on training, his family is less than impressed with the organisers. "I can't understand their thinking," Robert Burt, Richard's father, said. "Richard races and trains with able-bodied skiers all the

time and he's reaching 70mph plus in the downhill. It's not as if blind skiers can't do the downhill. And combining the classes is like asking



Edgington catches a gust of impetus for Olympics

By Barry Pickthall

BARRIE Edgington, the new Olympic-class windsurfing world champl-on, has received a second fillip towards his Olympic Games aspirations — a Times/Minet Supreme

The £5,000 cash grant iwa Kalein performance in Singapore, here he ended nine years of world domination by the French. Indeed, French competitors filled the next four places, underlining that country's continued

strength in depth.
"Beating four French-man in the world championship makes the Olympics [where only one national can take part] look easy," Edgington, who last week was a close second at the Italian pre-Olympic regatta at Anzio, said.

He knows from bitter experience, however, that ere can be many a slip between now and winning selection for Barcelona in July. Four years ago, Edgington lost the Olympic berth on a cruel windshift while leading the last race of the British trials. Tied on points with two rivals, he built up a four-minute lead during the heat and was then faced with the dilemma of trying to cover both sailors when they split tacks on the final beat Edgington chose to cover

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his closest competitor, then had to watch Simon Goody being lifted to victory on the opposite side of the

That lesson has motivated Barrie to approach this Olympic campaign in a much more professional manner," Ben Oakley, the national windsurfing coach, said. This included a two-month training programme in Australia before the world championship, where Edgington got his weight down to an opti-

mum 68kg. "If I hadn't done that training in Australia, I would not have won the world title," Edgington, aged 24, said, pointing to the performance of Jona-than Hutchcroft, his Brit-tick rival who finished 73 rd ish rival, who finished 73rd in Singapore after taking a winter break from racing.

Edgington, who began windsurfing at the age of 11, first made his name as a

coverage of racing. Saturday

saw the first big race of the Flat season, the Lincoln

Handicap, a race hated by

punters, jockeys and most people who can read and

write. To brighten it up, Channel 4 had Derek

Thompson doing the rounds

of Doncaster: into the press

room to talk to the hacks, four

of whom had a share in a

horse which finished in nine-

teenth place; into Wetherbys

to see where and how horses

are entered for races; around

the paddock area to talk to

winning the BIC 1,000km marathon from Barcelona to Genoa two years ago. He is also a three-time BIC

"Barrie is very good en-urance competitor, a foilow-on from his crossrise to the big occasion must make him a strong bet for a medal in Barcelo-

na," Oakley said. First he must sail through the British trials at the pre-Olympic regattas off Hyeres and Palma next month, which conclude with the world championship at Cadiz in May. The Times/Minet award will certainly help to ease the financial pressures, allowing me to focus all my efforts on training for the trials," Edgington said. The Times/Minet Su-

reme Awards are part of a

£2 million sponsorship package from Minet — the London-bured firm of international insurance brokers - to help fund Britain's preparations for the Olym-pic Games this year. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made to sportsmen and women whose outstanding performances have brought distinction and honour to British sport and are likely BOXING

McKenzie's plan depends on a convincing win

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

DUKE McKenzie, Britain's first double world champion. will get his chance tonight to prove that he is ready to go on to greater things. Should McKenzie put on one of his complete boxing displays in his World Boxing Organisation bantamweight title de-fence against Wilfredo Vargas, of Puerto Rico, at the Albert Hall, he will convince his manager, Mickey Duff, that he needs a more demanding challenge.

McKenzie could try a unification bout against the bril-liant Orlando Cañizales, the International Boxing Federation champion, or move up to super-bantamweight to become the first Briton to win a world title at three different

weights.

McKenzle will be watching to see how Thierry Jacob, of France, gets on this weekend when he challenges for the World Boxing Council superbantamweight title. McKenzie came very close to defeating Jacob in Calais. Vargas should bring the

Puerto Rican has been specially picked by Duff and should be made for Mc-Kenzie's stand-up boxing. McKenzie has been training with Colin McMillan, the British champion at feather weight, two weights heavier than bantam, so McKenzie should be able to handle the smaller Vargas. "McKenzie's got a fight on his hands," Duff said. "But McKenzie boxes better with better Vargas, age 22, does not

best out of McKenzie. The

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have McKenzie's experience. The Puerto Rican has had only 17 contests against McKenzie's 32. Most of his opponents have been short on quality. Being little more than a flyweight, Vargas could spend a frustrating night trying to get past the Englishman's jab. Vargas was stopped in eight rounds by fellow-countryman. Jose Ruiz, a super-flyweight, and it would not be surprising if McKenzie, too, wins inside

Stecca steps into open for spy job

MAURIZIO Stecca is one of the old-fashioned types — he likes to see his opponent in the flesh before he steps into the ring with him. The evi-dence of a video tape, with its faults-enhancing slow-motion, is fine, but he needs to see a rival dancing on the canvas before he is satisfied

he has the full picture. The rival for his World Boxing Organisation feather-weight title is Colin McMillan, the talented Londoner, and Stecca has made the trip from Italy to be at ringside tonight to watch Mc-Millan take on the tough Tommy Valdez, a Californiabased Mexican, at the Goresbrook Leisure Centre,

Dagenham.
More than that, Steeca will be boxing on the undercard - an unsual departure for a boxer keen to hang on to his title. He will be exposing himself to the close scrutiny of McMillan and his handlers, tions that his opponent can exploit. It is a sign of the

Italian's confidence that he

thinks his bout with Ray Muniz, of the United States, will not present McMillan with too many insights.

He is also keen to experience the problems of boxing in front of an unfriendly British crowd, to prepare himself for a London defence of his title against McMillan in May — if the pair of them come through their bouts un-

defeated tonight.
The Londoner appears to have the harder task. He had Thibodeaux, but the American dropped out, and the late replacement is Valdez, a boxer McMillan's camp refused to take on last year,

"We rejected Valdez last May as being too tough an opponent to take on after his British title fight," Jonathan Rendall, McMillan's adviser, said. "But McMillan had to go on with it because otherwise TV might have pulled out and he did it because he ua not want to alsappoint bu fans who have been waiting to see him again in east

VOLLEYBALL

Britannia players vote to boycott Supercup

BRITANNIA Music, who re-tained the Royal Bank of Scotland English Women's Cup at Crystal Palace last Saturday, have pulled out of next month's Supercup, the annual tournament for the top four teams in both the men's and women's first divisions (Roddy McKenzie

The London dub, which plays off. with Woolwich Brixton in the league title decider on April 5, is unhappy at the venue and at the way previous Supercups have been organised by the English Volleyball Association The event will take place on

April 11 and 12 at Reading

University, where there is lim-

lieved that Woolwich Brixton are also to hold a team meeting to decide whether to participate.

"It was a players' decision." Steve Colpus, the Britannia coach, said. They were unhappy at the way the Supercup has been run in the past. Only one came out in favour of playing this year."

Britannia were without Amanda Glover, their injured England international, in their 3-1 win over Trafford in the cup final and had to adopt an unfamiliar two-setter system for the first time this season. Glover is expected to be back for the game with Woolwich Brixton.

Dunwoody tops 700 winners

The talented Ulster-born jockey, first successful on Game Trust at Chelienham in May 1983, did not have to champion jockey's total as he completed a near 6-1 double

"I will just ride as many

Tug Of Gold, winner of the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Chase at the Cheltenham lestival, could be a Grand National candidate next year as . he appears to revel in a stamina test and jumps and travels

better the further he goes.

would-be backers of Docklands Express that he would not run if the ground remained very soft. Docklands Express, third

behind Cool Ground in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, is very well handicapped but the Lambourn trainer said: 'Four-and-a-half miles around Aintree in very soft ground is not what I would like to see him do."

Kings Fountain, who fell at the fifteenth fence in the Cheltenham Gold Cup when trav-elling well, is still a possible for the Martell Cup Chase on the opening day of the threeday Liverpool meeting. "He has not schooled since he ranbut will do so on Monday. He has to prove he is 100 per cent as he is too good to muck about with."

On a windswept day at Sandown where flags flew at half mast as a mark of respect to Jim Joel, the Royal Artillery Gold Cup was won by Camden Belle, leased especially for home near Caerphilly.

the race by two trainers, Jack Berry and Mikey Heaton-The two ex-Gunners

hatched the plan over a drink at the Tattersall's yearling sales last October, and the grey mare must have known the script as she battled back to win after being headed two fences from home by Gaelic

Heaton-Ellis, who sent out den Belle.

RACING

BY RICHARD EVANS

RICHARD Dunwoody rode career on Tug Of Gold at Sandown yesterday and immediately declared: "I just need another 800 plus to

wait long to start reducing the on Al Hashimi.

winners as I can and keep going," said Dunwoody, whose tally for the season is

With this year's Aintree spectacular only ten days away. Kim Bailey warned

Cherry.

his first runner at Doncaster last week, used to ride out for the father of Menin Muggeridge, trainer, of Cam-☐ The amateur jockey Philip-

pa 'Pip' Nash yesterday pledged to race-ride again, despite suffering head injuries after a serious fall at Nottingham last week. Only hours after leaving the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham, she said: "I am not giving up. I will be racing again." Mrs Nash plans to convalesce at her mother's

seemed never a dull moment. Let's get the bad bit out of the way first: I'm afraid my own dear countrymen playing rugby are no longer fit to be considered good enough to compete at the top interna-

tional level. I know somebody has to come last, but getting the wooden spoon in the rugby championship again is almost taking the Michael. All I can suggest is that Ireland lead the field in unisex rugby football: we could begin by recruiting Catherina McKiernan, who ran her heart, legs and arms out in the snow of Boston to finish a brilliant second to Lynn Jennings in the world cross coun-

try championship on Tucked away on Saturday morning on Channel 4 was a quite splendid interview between the novelist, Jilly Cooper, and the dearest old thing



of them all, Henry "Blowers" Blofeld. It's a pity some of the so-called chat show hosts don't take a leaf from Biofeld's book.

His technique is earth-shattering. He sits the interviewee down and asks them intelligent questions. He listens to the answers and after a while the programme ends. It'll never catch on.

A year ago in this column. when I reviewed indoor rockclimbing from Birmingham. I warned that indoor hanggliding was next. Channel 4 on Saturday morning had indoor windsurfing. Actually it was quite fun and looked a lot safer than the real thing. I don't want to whinge about how rain helped Eng-

land into the cricket World

Cup final, Frankly, I couldn't

care less: rules is rules, every-

one knew about them beforehand: nobody ever said it was always meant to be fair and. anyway. South Africa took a chance, fielded first, didn't bowl enough overs, and really have only themselves to blame. So there. What worries me is the way

Indoor windsurfing beats Irish rugby

England bowled and fielded. I have seen better long hops in a Lord's Taverners' match than those bowled by Botham and Small. I have seen under-11s field with more enthusiasm than Lamb; and if Stewart doesn't know that a wicketkeeper either stands right up or fully back, he should get someone to give him an hour's coaching on the basic principles. And what was Gooch doing fielding on the boundary? In oneday cricket, even more than in the real game, the captain's position is as close to the

less, I hope England win. Saturday's rugby coverage was remarkable for what Bill McLaren did not say when at least one Welsh forward should have been sent off the

action as possible. Neverthe-

during the game against Scotland. Two French players were sent off a month ago for exactly the same type of behaviour, and all the referee did was wag a finger and all the great Bill said was a sort of stifled "tut-tut". All I can assume is that McLaren sometimes despairs of what he sees happening on the field of his beloved rugby football. Channel 4 has stolen

pitch at Cardiff Arms Park



Stewart: wrong position

racegoers; and into the tented village to have a few words with the stall holders. The BBC have been covering, for example. Cheltenham, for goodness knows how long and they've never to my knowledge done anything like this. All we get is patronising cackle from a few fashion experts come Royal Finally, a confession:

watched the Mexican grand. prix, which Nigel Mansell won, and, what's more ... I enjoyed it!

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Frustrating wait for betting duty benefit

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACING will almost certainly have to wait until the summer of 1993 before it receives the £13 million flowing from the budget day cut in betting

duty.
Although the Chancellor's measure comes into force at the beginning of next month. the levy system means bookmakers do not have to hand over the extra millions until May next year.

The setback, which will delay a much needed increase to prize money, coincided with the publication of a survey yesterday by the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), which showed that 40 per cent of successful owners plan to decrease their string - or withdraw from the sport altogether — due to poor prize-money and high training

The 0.25 per cent cut in betting duty, worth an esti-three-quarters of the £48 mil-

Kenneth Baker to announce that the levy for 1992-3 will be an estimated £48 million, compared to an expected £35 million this financial year.

However, the statutory requirements of the levy system mean that bookmakers' pay-ments to the Horserace Betting Levy Board are based on figures for two years earlier -1990-1 when the levy yielded £37.5 million.

Although bookmakers will collect the extra money resulting from the cut in duty, they will not have to pay it over until May 1993. Bookmakers will be able to invest the cash over the next 14 months and make around £1 million profit

Tristram Richests, chief executive of the Levy Board. confirmed yesterday that his board would receive only

Canine friends catered for in Newbury's development

NEWBURY racecourse will soon be host to four-legged events of a different nature canine as opposed to equine

(Richard Evans writes).
One hundred Kennel Chub shows are part of the Berkshire course's plans for the future to coincide with the E14 million building develop-

ment at the track.
The £10 million Berkshire stand is due to be ready for use by October and, apart from offering vastly improved facilities for racegoers, the extra 10,000 square feet will also be used for outside conferences and exhibitions.

A two-stage leisure development, costing £4 million, en-visages artificial playing surfaces for tennis, badminton, soccer and hockey. The plans include a swimming

pool, ten pin bowling alleys and a cinema. An 18-hole golf course will be created in addition to the existing driving range, while a creche will also be built. The decline in betting turnover prompted a £140,000 reduction in Levy Board support this year for Newbury, but the course has managed to re-strict cuts in prize-money to

mated £13 million, enabled lion in the 1992-3 financial year. "The balance will be received in the summer of 1993" he said.

The Levy Board is planning discussions with the Bookmakers' Committee to see if a voluntary agreement can be reached on payments "over and above the statutory requirements".

The chances of bookmakers agreeing to pay over the extra memey before May 1993 are slim if the attitude of Ladbrokes is anything to

Berjis Daver, managing director of Ladbroke Racing, yesterday effectively ruled out making carly payments. "I cannot see any great prospect of it," he said.

John Biggs, director general of the ROA, said: There is certainly a good moral argument for some agreement being reached between the two parties to pay money in excess of the statutory figure." The ROA survey on successful owners who own horses that have won three races or more than £10,000 makes

dismal reading.
A total of 334 owners completed questionnaires. Over 50 per cent of those with 11 or more years in racing are proposing to decrease their involvement, while four out of five owners with between 11 and 20 horses are also plan-

ning cutbacks.
But the most alarming statistic involves the 125 owners who intend to decrease their string or withdraw from rac-ing altogether. The main reasons given

were training costs, poor prize-money (cut by £8.7 mil-lion in 1992) and the current

Death of racing's Grand Old Man marks end of an era

BY JACK WATERMAN

JIM Joel, who died at the age of 97 on Monday night at his home at Childwick Bury, near St Albans, was undoubtedly the very defi-nition of the Grand Old Man of Racing.

Yet this inescapable phrase goes only so far to-wards encapsulating the persona of a man whose black, scarlet cap" were not simply among the bestknown colours on the Turf but were just about the most popular. A modest and unassum-

ing bachelor and member of the Jockey Club, his success as owner and breeder was the stuff of legend spanning almost half a century. He was one of the very few to have owned a Derby winner and a Grand Nat-ional winner — Royal Pal-

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the evergreen stayer Predominate, the crack miler Major Portion, and Connaught, who so nearly se-cured a second Derby in succession for his owner. Yesterday the warm and

who trained more than 50 winners for him over the jumps, said: "It is very, very sad, but he had a wonderful life. He was a very good friend to racing and a very good friend of mine. I will miss him immensely."

Andy Turnell, Maori Venture's trainer, said: "He was the most marvellous

Venture in 1987.

He enjoyed an astorishing 26 Royal Ascot victories and owned a host of well-remembered horses and all the Joel's last winner was a fortnight ago when Keep Talking took the National

Hunt Chase, his tenth

Cheltenham festival

East November, despite well-justified tributes failing sight, he appeared flooded in. Josh Gifford, at Sandown, his favourite course. Buck Willow, trained by Gifford, made all the running and the crowd broke into spontaneous ap-plause in the winner's en-closure. It was a final, touching tribute to a man whose death marks the end

of an era. Obiteary, page 15

John's Birthday to celebrate

Martell Grand National entry, is napped to gain consolation in the Sonny Somers Handicap Chase at Worces-

ter today. The Nicky Hendersontrained gelding is so far out of the Aintree handicap that hopes of running in the big event have been quashed. However, John's Birthday can now take advantage of his lenient handicap mark and

proven stamina. Deep Colonist, who disappointed in the Ansells National when pulled up three from home, will be a serious danger if he returns to form. But, I feel the concession of

19lb will prove too much. Before falling at Stratford, John's Birthday performed with plenty of encouragement when third behind David's Duky at Warwick. David's Duky then went on to capture

the Eider Chase at Newcastle. Also running in that Warwick contest was Topsham Bay, who finished fourth. He has since won in good style at

Newbury. Three Cheltenham festival disappointments, Alkinor Rez. Barry Window and Charterforhardware can return to form on the Worcestershire course.

Alkinor Rer, pulled up after jumping the fourth fence in the Arkle Trophy, can take the Ambridge Novices' Chase. Earlier, he had shown excellent form when successful at Stratford and Lingfield Park.

I expect the danger today to come from the Martin Pipetrained Cyphrate, who looked an unlucky loser when falling at the last fence at Haydock. Pipe, however, can be on the mark with Barry Window in the Levy Board Novices' Handicap Hurdle. The gelding was strongly fancied in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, but he was never a serious factor behind

At Newton Abbot, on his previous outing, he put up a remarkable performance when returning after a threeyear break to beat Irish Bay

by half-a-length. Charterforhardware can complete a double for Pipe in the Borchester Novices' Hurdle. At Cheltenham, the gelding failed to show his form behind Thetford Forest.

Prior to that, he had shown useful form when runner-up to Hornblower at Market Rasen and Fino at Towcester. He will appreciate today's trip of three miles, which he encounters for the first time. At Catterick, The Devil's Music can continue Lynda Ramsden's excellent run of and distance on his penultimate outing, the gelding failed by head to catch Gott's Desire in a competitive

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Broad at Westbury-On-Suvern Trafaproduce at Westbury-On-Sewern. Total: 26.00; 63.10, £1.70. DF: £8.30. CSF £19.00.



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3.50 (Sm 118yd ch) 1, TUG OF GOLD (R Durwoody), 1-8 lav); 2, Fermies Boy (R Guest, 100-30); 3, Humworth (M Perret, G-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Mr Frick (4th), 11 Seffron Lard (pu), 25 Holio Stove (R, 100 Paddy Buck (5th). 7 rsn. 15, 27sl. 5t, dat. D Nicholson at Stove-on-the-Wold. Tota: 52.40, 21.60, 52.00. DF: £3.40. CSF: 55.10.

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Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,258.90 carried over to Ascot on Saturday).

Al Mutahm, third to Duke Of Monmouth in the Triumph Hurdle two weeks ago, is likely to switch back to the Flat at Warwick on Saturday

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PRINCIPAL PLAYER (Apr 28, cost 4,800gre) half-brother by Chief Seiger to smart 6f juverile winner Gentle Persussion; dam won 3 maces over 8-1m at two and three years. SISON (Mar 18) half-brother by Vacarme to several winners including dual 1m witner forms Creat ISOTONIC (New 31) bull-state by Absalom to 54-71 winner and group placed juvenile Computer Kid. LUCKY PARKES (New 12). Half-slate by Full Extent to a winner in Holland. WHAT BUISS 21) 18th to 14 to County Storm of Domester 18th county seller. 4.75 YARM HANDICAP (\$2,406: 1m 5f 175yd) (12 runners) Long handlose: Bormy's Game 7-3.
BETTING: 11-4 Steppey Lane, 7-2 Smoke, 9-2 Angelica Park, 6-1 Brera Rose, 8-1 Bridge Player, 10-1 Shiring Wood, 12-1 Bollin Magdalens, 14-1 others. 1991: STEPPEY LANE 695 Down McKeown (8-4 fav) W Heigh 18 run FORM FOCUS STEPPEY LANE beat Sulux 2½ in 9-runner Southwell (AW, 1m 6t) handicap. ANGELICA PARK 6 3rd of 5 to 1 See toe in Beverley (1m 4f, firm) otherwise. 54-0KE hand DGAGHOS (20 barray off) ied in 12-numer Ripon (1m 4f 80yd, good to firm) handicap. 4.45 WHORLTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,226: 1m 4f 44yd) (5 runners)

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Long handloop: Kawves 7-5, Northin Reider 7-4, Lady Of Letters 7-3, BETTING: 7-2 Palacopate King, 9-2 Eurobiake, 8-1 The Devil's Music, 8-1 Too Eager, Cool Enough, 8-1 Tequile Gold, 10-1 Kawves, 12-1 Srivigaya, 14-1 others. 1991: TOO EAGER 8-8-8 K Darley (11-2) M W Easterby 18 ran

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WILD PROSPECT best recent effort when beating Air titlelikorinst 2 Hd over course and distance (Rm) handleap on penultimate start with with SPANISH VERDICT (12b better off) 13 d and COOL ENOUGH (12b better off) 3 H 5th. EUROBLAKE 2Nt 4th of 11 to Pytchley Night in Lingited (AW, 1m) handleap. THE DEVIL'S MUSIC Selection: EPANISH VERDICT. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS WITH JOCKEYS G Wrings M Princott J Berry N Tirader R Whiteleer T Berron M Hills Ales Greeves J Fortune R Hills G Carter J Carrell

3,30 SONNY SOMERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,947: 3m) (12 runners)

9 F-P1212 OTTERBURN HOUSE 28 (D.BF.F.G.S) (R Heggas) James Pitzgarak 8-10-0. M Dwyler 10 PUJ05-8 RIVER BED 36 (G) (R Norton) K Morgan 8-10-0. M A 9 Smith 10 93-96 PTHY 4 (B.G.S.) (S Oven) C Brood 10-10-0. D Leafly C P11-BETTING: 4-1 Deep Colonist, 6-2 Viking Rocket, 5-1 Otterburn House, 6-1 Fence Judge, 8-1 others. 1991: GLENSIDE JERRY 11-11-10 J Frost (9-2) G Balding 8 ran

4.00 GRANDSTAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,136: 3m) (26 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Castigliero, 6-1 One More Knight, 7-1 Run To Form, 8-1 Terkovsky, Singlesels, 10-1 others, 1991: LONGGHURST 8-9-11 | Shoemark (12-1) B Formey 17 ran

4.30 BORCHESTER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 3m) (21 runners) ### SORCHESTER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 3m) (21 runners)

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3 20-555 JEFFERPY 25 (D,6) (K Baccroft) J Glover 5-11-10 N Williamson

5 500-135 WOODLAND FLOWER 25 (BF,G) (Mrs J Dibben) O Sherwood 7-11-5 J Obtome

5 53/3-P4P BERYL'S JOKE 11 (B) (Mrs E Bowood) R Baker 8-11-3 M McGarland

7 423P20 CHARCHMERE 25 (F Gray) F Gray 9-11-3 M Crosses

8 D-P0P CHURCHMERE 25 (F Gray) F Gray 9-11-3 M Crosses

9 P32-02 CITY KID 20 (Pell-mal Partners) J Glifford 7-11-3 M Crosses

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10 0F L'INING PIGARO 66 (M Berrow) K Burfas 6-11-3 Mrs B Nolean (7)

4 6 HIGH CASTE 6 (V) (H Mostdowicz) M Channon 5-11-3 Mrs B Nolean (7)

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16 P-0MR SETASIDE 361 (F Dichinson) J Mackle 7-11-3 S McNattl

17 4P02 NOW YOUR TALKIN 9 (J Wright) Miss H Kright 6-11-3 M Richards

18 03P RATHMORE 66 (C Rykars) N Gassles 6-11-3 C Llowellyn

19 42P342 RED CARDINAL 29 (H Staley) T Thomas Jones 6-11-5 M L Davise

20 00P THE DEFFERNCE 14 (S MecDomore) O Prince 5-10-12 C Prince (7)

21 MISTRESS CROSSY 81 (Mrs P Prince) O Prince 5-10-12 C Prince (7)

BETTING: 5-2 City Kid., 7-2 Rufus, 5-1 Charterforhardware, 8-1 Woodland Flower, Coasting, 10-1 others. 1991: MEDIANE 6-11-10 P Holley (7-1) M Bradstock 19 ran 5.00 UPHAMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,721: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Brief Encounter, 7-2 Coughtans Run, 4-1 Bromo, 5-1 Farmer's In, 8-1 Cornedy Road, 8-1 others, 1991: ROYAL GREEK 9-11-7 J Lower (5-2 tev) M Pipe 6 ran

5.30 WILLIAM HILL HEAVEN HELP US STAKES (\$1,523: 2m flat) (14 runners) Bob Davie

SETTING: 7-4 Moving Out, S-1 Vallent Warrior, S-1 Tipperary Azul, 8-1 Out Of Funds, 8-1 others, 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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Plenty of good and bad with just a little ugly

Being stationed, as it were, in New Zealand during the World Cup was to be present at something more than a

The rugby posts are back in the ground there now, but for the best part of a month. cricket brought the people together in a way that it had not done before.

Here in Australia, it is being made to seem more like an intrusion, but only because of the disappointment caused by the failure of the Australian side to live up

public expectation.
One's first impression of seeing them play India in the Test match at Adelaide at the end of January was that they had lost their edge. The young men were being held back by the old, the Waughs, Mark and Stephen, were not being appreciated. Australia were not as good a side as they thought they were, or as they could have

been. And by the time they saw the signs, it was too late. There was no such complacency elsewhere, even if England were beaten by Zimbabwe. Although the Zimbabweans must know they are not good enough for



Azharuddin: burden

would allow them to play official one-day internationals, other than, as now, only in the World Cup.

They need encouragement and that should be a way of providing it.
The cricket I saw in New

Zealand was a medley of the uncommonly good, the averagely good, the loose, and, just occasionally, the ugly.

The loose relates to the bowling, much of which was really very ordinary. Even in the two semi-finals, only the spinners, and not all of

them, seemed able to put

two balls in a row where they The fact that Chris Harris, of New Zealand, a splendid fielder but as a bowler not much more than a club trun-dler, is presently the chief wicket-taker in the competition is a commentary in

The part played by Dipak Patel is worthy of special

SINEN WOODENCK IN METROPRIE

becoming very good). Ramiz Raja and Inzaman.

As an aggressor whose hit-ting made bowlers quaver, Greatbatch assumed the

mantle of Botham. His con-

the World Cup. West Indies missed Viv

Richards more than South

or even Pakistan have missed Waqar Younis. If they and India are to get the

best out of Richardson and

Azharuddin, two wonderful-

ly talented batsmen, they

be over-rated.

mention. When the ploy of opening their bowling with him was so successful, it gave New Zealand the confidence to lead and not merely to follow. It was designed quite as much to give New Zealand the initiative as to

deny it to their opponents. The leg breaks and googlies of Pakistan's Mushtaq Ahmed had the same effect of unsettling batsmen accustomed to something faster but much less complicated.

Of the batsmen who were given the chance to bat property through going in high enough in the order, Martin Crowe led the way. Others to bring special dis-tinction, sometimes even enchantment, to the matches in New Zealand, were Azharuddin, Tendulkar, Kirsten. Lara (only over-confi-

The occasion proved a dence may stop him from

favourable and fitting one for South Africa's return to the international game; next they have to apply themselves to the technically more demanding business of Test cricket. In New Zealand, they

tribution to New Zealand's were thought to be inclined to arrogance, though I can't Indian summer can hardly It was a delight, too. to see Sri Lanka turn a match with say I noticed it myself. In Jonty Rhodes, they had one of the characters of the World Cup, whose fielding gave spectators as much pleasure as it so obviously did to a superior of the street of the s their fielding against South Africa as well. They were suddenly in-spired, providing the sort of turn-up that is the essence of did to many of his side.

I never saw him miss anything, nor, for that matter, anybody, in any of the sides. miss a catch on the bound-ary. The wicketkeeping has been conspicuously undistinguished and the appealing spontaneously spurious.

The ugliness to which I referred showed itself in the

bowlers who had just dismissed them - with an expletive or a gratuitous

England were as bad as anybody at it, and South Africa not much better. It is a thoroughly objectionable



Patel: initiative

pires consistently ignore. By and large, though, the umpiring in New Zealand was pretty good. The only reason why David Shepherd was not standing in today's final is because he is an Englishman. By some way, he finished at the top of the unpublished points table. Next in line was Steve Buckner, from Jamaica, and the New Zealander. Brian Aldridge, who were taking the final today. South Africa. Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe were well served by Karl Liebenberg. Julius Buultjens and Ian Robinson. There were, of course,

bad decisions. They are inevitable. But they were accepted in good faith because of being made by manifestly unaligned umpires. As in In-dia and Pakistan in 1987. the neutral panel spared us from many an accusation of cheating, perhaps even from

Rain ruling has far-reaching implications

South Africa miss their chance to play decisive role

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MELBOURNE

IT TAKES an extreme degree of perversity or stupidity, or behind the arbitrary regulations that led to the folly of the World Cup semi-final in Sydney. The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) continues to do so, having performed a grave disservice not only to the game but, without exaggeration I believe, to South African social stability.

Without even addressing me - a stranger to them two Australian officials in the hotel lift contemptuously flicked at the evening paper back page in my hand, with its story of the ACB's rebuff of Imran Khan's criticism. A lot of nonsense, they said

defensively.

The decision to adjust the total in Sydney denied South Africa the chance of reaching the final instead of England. That would undoubtedly cricket but would have served further to catalyse South African social change. The ruling, therefore, had a special, if unintentional, profundity.

What has happened in the past months — in rueby union, cricket and other sports and embracing the International Olympic Committee's readmission of South

Smith, the chief executive of

the Test and County Cricket

Board (TCCB), has already

begun work on pursuing En-

gland's claim amid fears that

a "gentleman's agreement"

could count for nothing when

money starts talking.
"The International Cricket

Council took a decision in

principle some time ago that

a rota system should be used

for staging the World Cup.

subject to a satisfactory finan-

cial proposal being made by

Smith said. "We intend to ask

the country concerned,

Africa - has demonstrated what I have argued for the past ten years: that the reestablishment of international sport, in South Africa like nowhere else, would be a force to help accelerate do-mestic liberalisation.

When South Africa's team becomes, within a few years, of mixed race, it and England's will be the most conspicuously so among leading Cricket is not excluded

from the world of double standards, and South Africa, needing every incentive available, could have done without Sunday's perceived misfortune; never mind that they bowled negatively.
Nobody will know just how

influential on the recent referendum was the casual comment by Geoff Dakin, president of the new United Cricket Board and here with the team, that they would dum proved negative. Whatever domestic violence may still lie ahead, the tide is running for common sense. and nothing could better Illustrate this than the forthcoming South African tour of West Indies, which will include marches by their under-

Trinidad and Barbados.

cerned, a rota would put them

next in line. Financial and

logistical problems effectively

discount the West Indies and

Sri Lanka. Pakistan and

South Africa, however, have

Indicated they will compete

against England, given the chance. Both would almost

certainly be able to offer a

more lucrative deal than that

Money is most likely to be

the deciding factor if the 19

associate members — such as

Argentina, Bangladesh and

Kenya — have a say.

put forward by the TCCB.

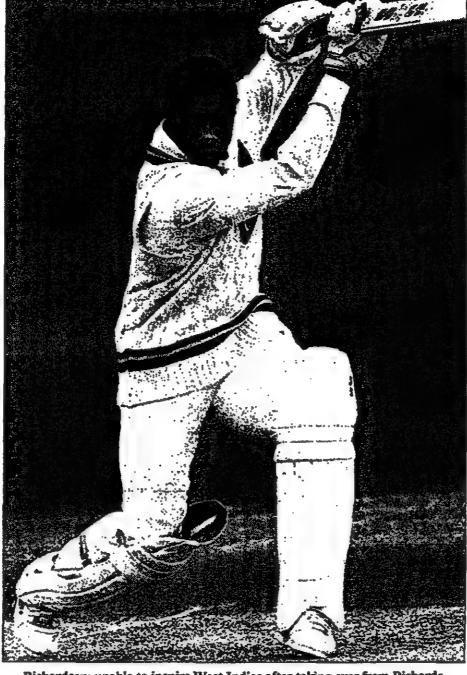
These juniors are the prod-uct of the Nuffield-sponsored coaching academy, which this season has put about £600,000 into the game. The party for the West Indies will consist of six blacks, four coloured, four whites and one Indian: it can only be a matter of months, rather than years, before they are all known simply as South

Pressing for senior inclu-sion soon may be Herschelle Glbbs, a right-hand batsman who has represented Western Province A, and Louis Mazikazana and Morgan Mfobo, a wicketkeeper and off spinner, respectively. Peter van der Merve, the former South African captain, considers that it may take several vears before this happens, but the basis of the equation is emphatically established. land and Australia, the founding members of the International Cricket Conference, and it will be no surprise if they quickly regain a formidable status on the field.

Jackie McGlew is team manager of the under-19 side, and his assistant will be Ray Mali, a black from the associated with the African National Congress.
"When Nelson Mandela

saw the job we're doing, makof South Africa's development programme, said last

night.
It is no news that South Africa is sports-mad. Its cricket has a bigger sponsorship budget than Australia's, which partially explains how they have been able to excel in the World Cup coming directly from years of isolation. The biggest problem will be to overcome the politicisation of schoolteachers, yet with thousands of non-whites now nursing the ambition to be a "Springbok", the process should not be impossible.



Richardson: unable to inspire West Indies after taking over from Richards

282-7 (M D Crows 91, K R Rutherford 50), Pullstar 284-8 (Incommen-ul-Hag 60), Inved Mended 57 not out). England 282-8 6 (G A Hick 83), South Africa 282-8. QUALIFYING TABLE AND RESULTS

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Inche 216 (SIRS 57), Zimbebwe 105-7, Inche 216 (SIR 7 Incheller 54 not out), Patiesten 173 (Annew Schaff 52), South Africa 200-8 (P N Kinsten 58), West Inches 136 (A L. Logie 61; M W Pringle 4-11), Asstralia 177 (T M Moody 51; I T Botham 4-31), England 178-2 (G A Geoch 58, I T Botham 53).

The players who will have few happy memories

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE talk of the World Cup. these past few days, has been of crazy rules and inflexible officialdom. The stars of the show, the players, have been shifted backstage to make room for the soap opera involving the men who made the rules and the men who challenge them.

When the fuss subsides, however, it will be seen that the disappointments of this competition do not begin and end with loopy legislation. They extend to the cricket itself and to a lengthy list of players, from whom much was expected and precious little delivered. On cup final day, it is poignant to reflect on those for whom the tournament is nothing but a bad

Opening the batting for the Alternative World Cup XI would be Geoff Marsh, of Australia, and Ravi Shastri. of India. It is an appropriate pairing and they may spend their time in mid-pitch consoling each other, for between them they were vilified to a far greater extent than anyone else involved in the competi-

apart. Both belong to a breed of batsmen now widely believed to be obsolete in one-day cricket, the anchor men. Both, in the past, have been credited with the skill and intelligence coolly to supervise an entire innings. But both fell heavily from grace and were dropped. Marsh's removal caused

bitterness in the Australian camp, where he is hugely popular and has been a supportive vice-captain to Allan Border. Shastri's removal was virtually demanded from afar when Indian supporters in his native Bombay protested about his slow batting by laying siege to his family

Two captains bat at three and four. Richie Richardson had a tough act to follow when taking on the West Indies team, post-Richards, and in this environment he showed alarming frailties. His on-field leadership was so understated that, at times, the team turned to Des Haynes for inspiration, and his batting wilted under the strain. Ronder has been in charge

too long for his lack of runs to be blamed on responsibility.

But a return of 61 runs from eight innings was startlingly poor and he ended the tournament admitting he must work on his game. He should start by examining his habit of missing full-length

The No. 5 position would be contested by Salim Malik and Allan Lamb. As their countries were involved in today's final, there was a chance of redemption for one or both, but Malik's 115 runs in nine previous games. capped by his first-ball exit in the semi-final, was a sequence which took some explaining. The disappointment in Lamb reflects as much on his fitness as form; by the time he was fit to play, he was plainly out of form. Carl Hooper, of West Indies, bats at six and bowls off breaks. On his form of the past month, he does neither very well. He is a batsman of great natural talent, too often compromised by hot-headed

The seam bowling allrounder is Adrian Kuiper. The stocky South African came here burdened with the ter and destructive bowler, a

Bothamesque figure. He did sadly little to justify the label. Wicketkeeping has not been a strong suit, except in the area of sledging and other unedifying conduct. India's Kiran More was prominent in this regard and his contretemps with Javed Miandad

was one of the flashpoints. Three seam bowlers make up the sad side. In an unfamiliarly poor West Indian attack, nobody disappointed more than Malcolm Marshall, who bowled waywardly. then broke down and finally announced his retirement. He has been a great bowler but his time had plainly

come. Australia's Bruce Reid relies on rhythm and could find none until it was too late. A Reid in form might just have transformed the team enough for them, not Pakistan, to be

in today's final. The last place in the team of disappointments goes to Waqar Younis, the thrillingly quick Pakistani. But he was too injured to play. I hear you protest. Precisely. That was the disappointment though probably not for England's batsmen today.

CRICKET

West Indies wrap up A-team series

IN ARNOS VALE, ST'VINCENT ENGLAND A's last nine wickets produced only a further 62 runs yesterday as they were all out for 108 against West Indies in the second unofficial Test match here. Lambert was brilliantly caught right-handed by plain the England batting

but West Indies A, needing 48, went on to win by nine wickets and take a 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

West Indies looked stronger in every department, particularly bowling. There was nothing in the pitch to ex-

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dry surface. Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, said: "We were undone by some superb bowling on what was still a good pitch. Their bowling was very good, they held their catches and their

to extract lift from its hard,

done much better." Benjamin and Joseph again looked the most lethal of the fast bowlers. Benjamin began the England rout after naif an hour when Ramprakash could not keep down a rising ball.

senior side could not have

Thorpe was caught behind against one that slanted across his body, a dismissal which was the prelude to the last six wickets falling for 12

ENGLAND A: First lenings 241 (P Johnson 56; N O Perry 5 for 47).

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WEST INDIES A: First Innings
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R Murray llow b Stephenson
D Parry c and b Stephenson
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Loseph c and b Stephenson
C D Benjamm not out
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-38, 3-102, 4-108, 5-185, 8-201, 7-280, 8-254, 9-298, BOWLING: Munton 21-3-68-1; Carlt 13-2-45-0; Walkin 18-3-54-1; Cleft 38-8-90-4;

FALL OF WICKET: 1-32

YACHTING

Fifth place puts Smith in good shape for title

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN CADIZ, SPAIN

his challenge for the Soling class world crown with a fine fifth place in yesterday's fourth race in the championship.

Racing against testing 20to 25-knot winds and a building swell running across the Bay of Cádiz that cost two rigs and a much larger number of spinnakers, Smith and his crew battled their way up from eleventh at the first weather mark to second place at

Their slip to fifth came on the last bear, while keeping a loose cover on Glyn Charles and his crew, Smith's closest rivals for the British berth at the Olympic regatta, for which this world champion-

ship is a trial. Last night, Smith expected further good news from the

LAWRIE Smith continued race jury, who had been his challenge for the Soling locked in meetings all day to resolve the debacle caused by the controversial change of course during the second

If reinstated, Smith and his

crew will have a first, third and fifth to their credit and lead the world championship (Introver) Yesterday's race was won by

Sergei Pichugin. Mahaney, the North American champion, who probably represents Smith's closest.

ionship, was seventh. Racing for the Europe class European championship off Chinz was cancelled.

BADMINTON

Single hopes for Hall

medal positions in the seedings for the European championships, sponsored by Pilkington Glass and due to he held in Glasgow next month (Richard Eaton

They are the former European champion, Darren Hall, who is seeded third in the men's singles, the two All England semi-finalists. Gill

ENGLAND have three Clark and Julie Bradbury. who are seeded second in the women's doubles, and Gillian Gowers and Sara Sankey, one place below them in the same event.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1, P-E Hoyer (Den), 2, T Stuer-Lauridson (Den); 3-4, D Hell (Eng) and J Olsson (Swe), 5-8, C Bruit (Neth), P Axalsson (Swe), A Nassen (Eng), A Antropov (CS), Womerc 1, Lim Xiao Qing (Swe); 2, P Nedergaard (Den); 3-4, E Coene (Neth), C Magnusson (Swe), 5-8, H Trokia (Eng), C Martin (Den), E Rybidne (CS), A van der Kneap (Neth)



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— West Indias 185-6 (A L T Athurton 88 not out) lifting the disadvantaged past, he felt at ease to support us all down the line," Dakin ENGLAND are ready to start the ICC to clarify and restate said. The forthcoming tour is the position at the meeting in campaigning for the right to "enormously exciting", Dr stage the next World Cup in Ali Bacher, the guiding hand As far as England are coneither 1995 or 1996. Alan

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Bowman the sole newcomer in the Scotland team

BY RODDY FORSYTH

TONIGHTS exhibition fixture between Scotland and Finland at Hampden Park represents the last chance for the Scottish supporters to see their team at home before the European championship finals in Sweden. It would be pleasant to think that the supporters will respond to the Scottish Football Association's numerous attempts to talk up the occasion. But they are not exactly speaking of little else in the bars of

There will be a reduced admission fee at the family gates, a voucher system for discounted tickets when the World Cup qualifiers begin in the autumn and the presenta-tion of a gold medal to Gordon Strachan to commemorate his 50th appearance in a dark blue jer-sey. All the same, if 20,000 make their way to the fraying old stadium the SFA can

count themselves fortunate. In fact, it is only in the past week that the Scottish management has discovered anything about the visitors. "They play in a fairly typical Scandinavian style", Andy Roxburgh, the Scottish coach, said yesterday. They watch British football virtually every week and so there are elements of our game in theirs. They are big boys and they will go for quite a lot of

Dublin: Whether or not Ron-

nie Wheian's name was the

first to be written down by

Jack Charlton on his Repub-

lic of Ireland team sheet yes-

terday, as always used to be

the case, will have been im-

material to the Liverpool

player (Clive White writes).

The most important thing

was that he was back with the

chance to rebuild his career

It is a reflection on Ire-

land's rich reservoir of mid-

after serious injury.

Road today.

him."

aerial attacks so f think we have a fairly good idea what

to expect".
The Finns, however, may not have anticipated that they would face a central defensive combination in which one player is seven inches smaller than his partner. But that is how much height Malpas of Dundee United will concede to McPherson of Heart of Midlothian when they line up together. "I have absolutely

no lears for the middle of our defence". Roxburgh said. "Maurice Malpas is one of the most reliable defenders. that you'll find anywhere and can play in any position across the back line. I have the feeling, in fact, that this is the position he could mature

The only new cap in the side is a clubmate of Malpas, the 28-year-old Bowman, who has been deployed in midfield to help ballast the more experienced talents of Strachan, McStay and Collins. It may reasonably be said of Bowman that he is not excitable.

Yesterday he declared that he had not expected to be selected for the Scottish squad, was not unduly nervous about the prospect of his debut and had not nourished the thought that he might claim a place on the plane to Sweden, although he did

point out that he had played for his country at youth and under-21 levels and was familiar with the playing styles of most of his colleagues.

Roxburgh actually named 12 players but that is because he is awaiting fitness reports on McCoist, of Rangers, and Robertson, of Heart of Midlothian. If both are declared ready for action then one will start and the other arrive

Otherwise, the most notable feature of the Scottish team is that it is not bristling with ravenous new talent, not was it ever likely that it would be. It seems very likely that the players who achieved qualification for the finals will be those who comepete in Sweden, with the exception of Marshall, the Celtic

Marshall will not play from the beginning tonight because Roxburgh is satisfied that the player's presence in the squad has already an-swered questions about his temperament and adaptability and, in any case, the Scottish coach wishes to keep faith with Goram, who played in all of the qualifying matches. SCOTLAND: A Goram (Rengers): 8 McKimmie (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Durdee Unise), D sacritemen o'tent o' factorism), T Boyd (Dallet), B Stractum (Leots United, captein), P McGley (Callet), D Brawman (Dundee United), J Callet, D Brawman (Dundee United), J Callet, Callet, G Davie (Tottennen Hotspur), A McColst (Rangers) or J Schermon (News) of McGletter).



Ground level: Riley lines up a putt as partner, Lindsey Anderson, watches

Riley makes his class tell

By John Hennessy

THE class of Wayne Riley, the Australian Open champion, told when the nerve ends began to jangle in the Sunningdale Foursomes yes-terday. He unleashed two stupendous shots to lead his amateur partner, Lindsey Anderson, to victory on the Old course.

They received one stroke from Wendy Dicks, newly turned professional, and Matthew Stanford, an England amateur international, and beat them at the third extra hole, where the winners provided a grandstand finish with an eagle two.

Anderson, who had been admirably steady throughout the round, began to falter towards the end. Her thinned pitch to the-18th threatened disaster but she and Riley got away with a half to keep the match alive. Anderson then failed from six feet for a win at the first extra hole and from half that distance at the second, where Riley hit a three wood from 250 yards to three feet at that blind green.

Just when the wiseacres

were questioning whether or not she had the bottle, Anderson capped another great Australian shot from the 296 yards third tee to 15 feet with a delicately judged downhill

Ross Whitehead, playing in his 39th successive Foursomes, will have to wait at least until the fortieth if he is to achieve his third victory. He and Laurence Farmer lost at the 18th of the New course to Gillian Stewart and Claire Hourihane, former and present Curtis Cup players.

RUGBY UNION

Richards plans to return for cup semi-final

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

DEAN Richards, the England No. 8, will be available for Leicester in their two matches against Harlequins over the next two weekends, in the Courage Clubs Championship and the Pilkington Cup semi-final.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

When the cup draw was made it was feared that Richards, who had early in the season agreed to play for the Public School Wanderers against the New Zealand Barbarians in Hong Kong next week, would not be available. However Leicester confirmed yesterday that he would return in time for the match on April 4.

Richards will leave for Hong Kong next Monday and return on Friday. However Leicester will be without Rory Underwood for the league match this weekend hecause he is playing for the RAF. Steve Hackney replaces him and Steve Wills, the Eng-land Under-21 full back, comes in for John Liley, who is unavailable.

Gloucester rest their half backs and front row for the rearranged league match against London Irish at Kingsholm this evening. They do so in the knowledge that on Saturday they face Orrell, a match which may determine whether the Lancashire club wins the championship. The Irish, too, are without four internationals, but hope to be nearer full strength when they play Rosslyn Park at the weekend.

The Barbarians have invited Derek Stark, the Scotland B wing, and Jean-Baptiste Lafond, the French full back, to join their sevens squad for the Hong Kong tournament. They take the places of Simon Davies, the Swansea wing, and Tim Rodber, the Northampton back-row forward, who will be on exercises with the Army. Darren Junee, the New South Wales centre, has replaced the injured David Campese in the Australian squad captained by Tim

AUSTRALIAM SCHARE & Plett, THomas, & Little, D. Jurse, T. Keleher, A. Ekert, D. Wilson, W. Ofshengeus, J. Ferwicks.

Wellington hang on to trophy

THE Festival of the Rosslyn Park sevens, for one-term rugby schools, moved to its climax at Rochampton yes-terday where worthy finalists, Christ College, Brecon and Wellington College fought out a thrilling final. The outcome was in doubt until the final whistle, Wellington retaining the trophy with a 10-6 win through a converted penalty try and a try to a goal.

More than a little controversy hung over the final and the penalty try against Christ College for a late body check on Cooksley. The crux con-cerned the probability (or otherwise) of a try following the incident but Mr Burtenshaw

was well positioned to judge. Christ College scored first when their scrum half, gap to score and convert but shortly after the interval

Michell converted the penalty try and a dropped pass by the losers was followed by a crisp break from Miers and the winning try, scored by Macfarlane The early stages of the day

saw Bedford emerge as possible winners. They looked sharp, flexible and skilful, as Downside and Bryanston discovered to their cost. In fact all the quarter-finals were clear-cut affairs, but the excellence of the holders', Wellington's tackling became more and more apparent.

They did not allow Dur-ham room in which to play and treated Bedford as cruelly in the semi- final, in which their talented stand-off. Michell, continued to look classy and positive. Rossall departed at this stage, the victims of Christ College's pace and enterprise.

Faith in **Smith continues** Whelan B-team sequence renewed

Czechoslavakia B 0 England B......1

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Smith, of Arsenal, extended the England B team's winning sequence to six matches with a goal in the 74th minute against Czechosiovakia on a grey day in Ceske Budejovice. But it was Matthew Le Tissier, another player, like Smith, out of fayour at his club, who set up

the breakthrough. recognised as one of the finest The Southampton winger in the world in that position looked offside as he moved two years ago has been hardly clear on to a flick by David missed. Indeed, had everyone Hirst, a substitute, from a been fit and available, it is a pass by Andy Sinton. Lubos mute point whether the rusty Pribyl, the Czech goalkeeper, managed to block Le Tissier's Whelan would have even been selected, never mind shot, only to see it run to Smith, who scored his third chosen, as he probably will be, to lead the Irish against goal in three matches at B Switzerland at Lansdowne level. "The Czechs are my lucky team - my other two B In his absence the Irish goals came against them at have, according to Charlton,

Sunderland," he said. "learned how to play without Alan Shearer, the South-

ampton forward, was taken off at half-time with today's full international in Prague in . mind. He had had one good chance, running clear on to Sinton's through-ball but al-lowing the goalkeeper to save IN CREEK BUDRIOVICE

at his feet. Le Tissier, Smith and Ju-tian Dicks, of West Ham, all had good chances to give Graham Taylor his seven-teenth win in 23 games at senior and B level since he took over as England manager 18 months ago. But the ty, and it took the excellent reflexes of Nigel Martyn to keep England on an even

One save in the 26th minute almost defied belief as the Crystal Palace goalkeeper flew across the goal to get his left fingertips to Milan Kerbr's 25-yard shot. He was at his best again in the 64th minute, saving a snap shot by Jaroslav Silhavy, and he pro-tected the victory with a late save from Jan Marosi's fierce

Foldvari worth the wait

SNOOKER

ROBBY Foldvari, an Australian who possesses seemingly unlimited reserves of stamina, was involved in another match more notable for its longevity than entertainment

value (Phil Yates writes). He beat Brian Morgan, of Essex, 10-8 in the third qualifying round of the Embassy world championship in Preston early yesterday. The marathon was the fourth longest best of 19-frame professional match on record, lasting 567 minutes.

Tony Meo, a semi-finalist in the 1989 championship, virtually guaranteed his place in the next round when he established a 9-0 first session lead over Joe Grech, of Malta. Meo compiled breaks of 63, 50, 72 and 53.

Mesquita writes).

N Korea collect silver medal

ICE HOCKEY

GREAT Britain may have lia could beat Belgium in will be playing next year. Of secured the gold medal in yesterday's second game, oth- the rest, Hungary were an pool C of the world championships on Sunday, but the minor placings were not decided until yesterday's games had been played (Norman de

North Korea beat their southern neighbours 7-3 to win silver, but only if Austra-

erwise Belgium would have acute disappointment and won the silver and North North Korea not as good as in Korea the bronze.

In the event, Australia did what they had to do, beating Belgium 6-2. Great Britain were clearly the best team and must be seen as well up to pool B standard, where they

Copenhagen last year.

South Korea and Belgium were both better than last year but the surprise team were Australia, who have improved dramatically in the last two years.

Chelsea win extension

Chelsea, scheduled to compiete the purchase of Stamford Bridge tomorrow for the E22.85 million set by an independent valuer last November, won a reprieve for a few weeks in the High Court yesterday. Lord Justice Dillon agreed

to extend the time for completion until seven days after judgment is given on a Chelsea move to claim for damages of more than £20 million against SB Property Company Ltd. the owner of the ground.

Zanardi chosen Motor racing: The Benetton Formula One team has signed the Italian, Alessandro Zanardi.

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Fighting discussed

Rugby league: Officials of the Rugby Football League yesterday met Leeds police to discuss fights between specta-tors during half-time at the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semifinal between Castleford and

☐ Wembley has been booked for the potential World Cup final between Great Britain and Australia on Saturday, October 24.

Fine displays

Bowls: In a splendid display at the British Isles indoor singles championship semifinals at Llanelli yesterday. Mary Price, of England, beat Rita Jones, of Wales, 21-19.

Welsh venue

Powerboating: Swansea has been chosen as the venue for the world two-litre offshore championship, starting on August 3. There will be three separate one-day heats spread over five days.

Morgan leads

Swimming: Robert Morgan, from Wales, heads a team of six Britons for the European diving cup at Milan on April

Double sprint

Cycling: Mathieu Hermans, of The Netherlands, and Fernando Piñero, of Spain, won the two-pronged second stage of the Catalan Week race yesterday.

Jack Kelsey

Football: The funeral of Jack Kelsey, the former Arsenal goalkeeper, will be tomorrow at St Marylebone Crematorium, East Finchley, at $3.30 \mathrm{pm}$.

FOOTBALL

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ALLERIGHT DITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Hednesford 1, Colwyn Bay 0. BEALER HOMES LEADUR Southern READER HUMES LEARNING GROUND G

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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION:
Charlion 2, Crystal Palsoe 1; Queen a
Park Rangers 2, Chelsea 0; Luton 4,
Reading 2, Cup: Swindon 0, Plymouth 1.
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Eastwood Hanley 0.

NATIONAL ABSOCIATION: (NBA): At-ieras Flavita 126, Golden State Werriors 125 (OT): New Jersey Nets 123, Charlotte Homets 120; Philadelphie 78ers 105, San Antonio Spurs 92; Denver Nuggeta 100, Minnesotz Timberwolves 95.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: Women's hardcourt championehips: First round: E Manictova (CIS) bt J Enznors (US), 6-9, 8-3; M Medvedeva (CS) bt B Filtriner (Ger), 6-2, R Jeogl-Concato (II) bt J Helerd (France), 7-8, 8-0.

7.50 unless stated

(in Prague, 4.30) Rep of Ireland v Switzerlan

Barclays League Second division

Derby v Plymouth...

HFS LOANS PLEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Friciday v Bishop Audidand. BEAZET HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby v Dartford. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00 unless stated): First division: Barreley v Sunderland; Biackburn v Leeds;

BOWLS

LIAMELLE Entitle lates wrotten's indoors champlonships: Sent-finals: Singles: M Price (Desborsuph) bt R Jones (Merithy Tydfil), 21-19; M Johnston (Bestynoney) bt S Gourley (Prestvict), 21-16. Peirs: L Evens and E Thomas (Swanses) bt M Orr and E Be8 (Bediant), 24-21; M Ward and E Shorter (Co Arts) bt Jölbson and S McCrone (Tevlotate), 21-14. Triples: B Duncan, A Melrose and S McLeish (Middothian) bt S Brittain, B Deanton and E Brown (Vale of Glamorgan), 17-9; A Doggert, M Wilson and F Bioth (Beffant) bt A Porte, J Morris and J Thomas (Nottingnem), 17-12. Fosts: S Hamilton, M Smith, J Hert and J McMahon (Blamyra) bt A Green, B Crisp, L Brownie and M Steele (Echam), 22-13; B Thomas, A Sutherland, M Day and P Dickenson (Torfasn) bt G Law, P Allen, M Fasron and M McCulloch (Co Aniran), 22-17.

BOWLS

BOXING

SEOUL: WBA flyweight title: Kim Yong-kang (S Kor) ko Jonathan Penaloza (Philippinee), 8th nud. RUGBY UNION

ROSSLYN PAPIC Schrjob severe:
Festival tournement: Group winners' round: Christ's, Brecon 10, Worth 4, Monmod 124, Badford Modern 6; Thure 4, Rosses 22, St. John's, Leatherhead 17 Hure 4, Rosses 22, St. John's, Leatherhead 18, Bundell's 18; Bryanston 18, Kelly 0; Downside 0, Bedford 30, St. Edward's, Coford 10, Purtann 22, Trent 4, Wellington College 8, Guarter-finals: Christ's, Brecon 14, Monmouth 4; Rossell 20, Elexalish's 8; Bryanston 4, Bedford 25; Curham 6, Wellington College 18, Semi-finals: Christ's, Brecon 14, Rossell 6; Bedford 15; Byanston 4, Bedford 28; Derham 6, Wellington College 18. Semi-firmits: Christ's, Bracon 14, Rossall 6; Bedford 6, Wellington College 12. Finals Christ's, Bracon 8, Wellington College 10. Janior nachaol lossmernant: Group 8: Arnold. Group A: 5t Benedict's, Group B: Arnold. Group B: John Falser, Group D: De Le Seife. Group E: Stamford. Group F: Smanuel. Group G: Bishop of Hereford. Group H: RGS High Wycombe. Group K: Reading. Group J: Donhead. Group K: London Oratory. Group L: Dutwich.

Group M: Gunnersbury, Group N: Dwn-y-Felin. Group O: Bractford GS. Group winners' round: St Benecicias 18. Arnold 4: John Fisher 20, De La Selle D; Stanford 24. Emanual 12: Bishop of Hereford 10, RGS High Wycombe 8: Reading 0, Donhead 18: London Oratory 26, Duhwich 14; Gunnersbury 0, Dw-y-Felin 14; Bractford GS - bye. CYCLING

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CYCLING

CATALAN WEEK PACE First stage (to and from Lorent de Mar, 104.7 miles): 1. J. C Colotti (Fri. 2ZZ. 4th 24min 48sec; 2. S Moreels (Bel), Lotto; 3, F Baldeto (tt), GB-MG. 4, K Hundertmerck (Ger.), PDM; 5, F Boden (Ger.), PDM; 6, G Bugno (tt), Gasowate, all sums irms.

TOUR OF NORMANDY: Second strings: 1, S O'Gracly (Aus), 2th 22min 28sec; 2, T Dupuy (France), one second behind; 3, 8 Aitkert (Aus), 6. 4, C Andersen (Den), 22. 5, P Bothere (Fr), same time. Overrill: 1, O'Grady, 6th 33min 14sec; 2, Dupuy, two seconds behind; 3, 5 Sarissassis (Liftus-nie), 30; 4, D Faityre-Plemet (Fr), 31; 5, M Illingworth (GB), 41. Team time trial; 1, Australia, S8 47, 2, England, 59:20; 3, Spain, 59:33; 4, France, 59:37; 8, Russis/Lithusnia, 59:43

SNOOKER PRESTON: Embassy world champion-ahip: Second qualifying round (England uniass stated): J Wright of E Lawfor, 10-7. Third qualifying round: M Price bt N Edibert, 10-1: A McManus (Scot) bt A Higgine (N Ire), 10-7. M Johnston-Alien bt M Macteed (Scot), 10-7. D Morgan (Wales) bt P Kerny, 10-7. J Whitsiker bt Williamson, 10-9. D Roe bt J O'Boye, 10-7: A Cairns bt W King (Aus), 10-9: B Rowswell (Eng.) bt R Mershall (Eng.), 10-7: A Cairns (Eng.) bt W King (Aus), 10-9:

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE MATCH: Wolverhampton 51. Kumla (Swe) 35 CHALLENGE MATCH: Reeding 46, Cradley Heath 43

Newcastie v Man Utd: Nottencham Forest v Belton. Second division: Blackpool v Wolverhampton: Huddersfield v Preston (7.30); Middleabrough v Burnley; Okinam v Wigan, Port Vale v Hult; York v Notts Courrly. FOOTBALL. (at Murrayfield) International matches Czechoslovakia v England.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION

MEMILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION Brighton v Southsmpton (7 15); Pullen v Joseph (200); Oxford Utd v QPR; Swindon v Crystal Patecs (200). BABS NORTH WEST COUNTIES Tennents Floadit Trophy: Bacup Borough v Ashton Util NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Scemmonor.

Spannymoor.
IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Sami-final
Cliftonville v Lame (at Ballymens). RUGBY UNION - . Courage Clubs Championship First division Gloucester v London Irish (7.00).

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OTHER SPORT-

BOXING: WBO bantamweight champ-lonship, Duke McKenzie (Croydon, holder) v Wärledo Vargas (Puerto Rico) (Albert Hall). Festherweight beut: Coln McMillan (Barking) v Sieve Thibidasux (US) (Goreabrook LC, Dagenham). RUGBY LEAGUE: UK Corrugated Student premership final Leads Polylechnic Loughborough University (Warrington RLFC, 700).

SNOOKER: World championship quality-ing tournament (Preston).

ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool 5 (Jo hannesburg): Greece 9, Luxembourg 5 Hortr Kores 7, South Kores 5. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Scetch Bruns 7, San Jose Sharks 8; Toronto Maple Leafs 3, St Louis Blues 2.

REAL TENNIS CLUB MATCH: Hardwick 4, Army 2 (Hardwick names first): D Christile lost to 3 Methers!, 64, 2-8, 5-8, C Briggs bt I Pari-Wair. 5-8, 6-2, 6-4; C Sesward bt J Drabbie, 6-1, 8-3; Lord Marchwood bt J Dathan, 5-2, 9-5, 6-4; A Myrite bt R Fellowes, 6-4, 6-3, Doubles: C Briggs and Lord Mirchwood lots to Park-Wer and J Methers!, 6-0, 6-2, 3-6, 1-6, 2-6.

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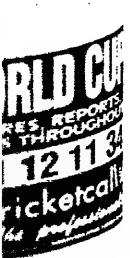
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Football offered £500m TV deal

FOOTBALL has been offered £50 million a year for ten years by a satellite television company that wants to broadcast the sport 24 hours a day. Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, confirmed yesterday that he is negotiating with Full Time Communications. a company set up to mount

The company is also talking to the Football Associ-ation (FA), and Football League, and hopes to put the finishing touches on the contract next week. Full Time Communications, run by Gerald O'Connell — who invented the successful Clubcall concept - and Jim Cadman, intends to run on likely to be £10 per month.

Recordings of matches in the Premier League, Football League, and England's international programme would be shown constantly. Yet the agreement would not be exclusive, thereby leaving the door open for ITV, whose contract with the League expires this summer, and the BBC, whose deal with the FA runs out next year, to continue to show live matches.

The way is also clear for football to earn unprecedented riches and - divided between the interested parties. but with the Premier League taking the lion's share - it could provide a solution to the dispute between the Premier League and the Profes-Footballers' Association (PFA).

stood to have begun in December, and Parry yesterday said that he had "just signed a confidentiality agreement" on the proposals, details of which were then faxed to all 22 first division clubs. The television package was origi-nally due to be presented to a meeting of the 22 potential Premier League chairman on Friday, but, with a players strike looming, Parry said that was no longer the case. Instead the deal is expect-

ed to be signed next week. O'Connell said last night: "We believe it is likely that the PFA dispute will delay the decision on our bid. But I would be very surprised if English football will receive any better offer. It has maximum benefits to the game from both a financial and

has the attraction of not being exclusive." Indeed. ITV is understood to be negotiating a £20 million-ayear contract for 30 live matches a season over four

"In the past, I believe tele-vision has used football, " O'Connell, who has present-ed interested parties with a promotional video of the package he has in mind. added. But this is a chance for football to use television to market itself. Like Clubcall, its strength will be the comprehensive nature of the service."

Trevor Phillips, the League's commercial direc-tor, is understood to have been involved in discussions from the outset.

Full Time Communica-

ating with the PFA at old BBC Saturday night Match of the Day.

O'Connell thought of the concept when, while running Chibcall for British present, but O'Conneil said: The PFA is a voice within football and we want to talk

television companies have so

far excluded them from a

Another body to have also talked to Full Time Com-

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Schools' Football Associ-

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The concept goes against the belief of TTV that the

public only wants live foot-ball. In many repsects, it is

share of the profits.

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to all voices within football." At present the PFA re-Telecom, he realised a high ceives ten per cent from the percentage of callers to indi-ITV agreement and is threatvidual clubs dialled from far ening to strike because the flung parts of the country. Premier League's negotia-tions with the established Our satellite channel will therefore enable Barnsley

supporters who live in London to watch those of their matches which they could not get to," he said. He does not want to subdivide football by signing up solely with the Premier League, for example. "People are not just interested in the Premier League or just interested in the third division. They are interested in the game of football as a

Officials reject EMPII Imran's plea for rule change

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIAN cricket officials yesterday refused a Pakistani request to alter the controversial wet weather rule for today's World Cup final, and found unlikely allies in the England man-

An impassioned plea by Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, to continue the final into a second day if rain interrupted was predictably turned down after a meeting involving Australian Cricket Board executives and the managers of the two finalists. Bob Bennett, the England

manager, emerged satisfied, saying he believed it illogical to "move the goalposts" at this stage. "We knew the rules when we came here," he pointed out.

Imran's criticism of the competition, which he called the worst organised of cricket's five World Cups, brought a sharp response from Graham Halbish, general manager of the ACB and their most eloquent spokesman.
"That is an unfair statement," he said. "He is entitied to express an opinion about playing conditions but for the benefit of all the people throughout Australia and New Zealand who have given up a tremendous amount of time, I hope he is not talking about their efforts."

Fears that the final could be decided in the same shambolic fashion as Sunday's semi-final in Sydney were eased by a confident forecast of dry, fine weather for Mel-

bourne today. Brian Aldridge, from New Zealand, was yesterday named ahead of Steve Randell to umpire the final with the impressively calm Jamai-can, Steve Bucknor.

†A J Stewert (Surrey) .

matches, 252 runs (av 42,00), 7ct, 1st.

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BOWLING:

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Derek Pringle, who missed the semi-final with a rib musde injury and was initially expected to take no further part in the tournament, came through a lengthy bowl in the nets yesterday and was hopeful of playing. Both he and Robin Smith would undergo final tests before the start. The England players were

last night under a three-line whip to attend the World Cup banquet, a public dinner with speakers and cabaret. Some, understandably, were not best pleased to be put on parade the night before the biggest one-day game of their lives, but they are the pawns in the razzmatazz accompanying the finale of the Cup.

More was due to follow today, when the new Great Southern Stand was expected to be filled to its 40,000 capacity for its official opening ceremony, emotional songs and all, prior to the final. Then, in the mid-innings break, the Australian compulsion for filling every spare moment at a cricket match with trivia masquerading as entenainment, was to bring us a pipe band, more singing and the obligatory parachute drop. Fireworks were planned for the end of the game, presumably in case there had been none during

All 66,500 public tickets for the final were sold out some days ago but the hopedfor attendance of 95,000 depended on the turnout of members. Judging by the endless rows of empty seats in the Sydney pavilion on Sun-day, a little local interest has gone out of the World Cup!

The sad side, page 28 John Woodcock, page 28

WORLD CUP FINAL SCOREBOARD

Melbourne Cricket Ground, March 25 1992

ENGLAND

7 matches, 187 runs (av 26.71), 1cl. P meliches, 192 rune (av 24.00), 15 wkts (av 17.80, econ 3.22), 3cl.

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tchee, 6 runs (ev 2.00), 11 wkts (ev 25.16, soon 3.66), 5 ct. D R Pringle (Essex) 7 metches, 12 runs (av 4.00), 4 wkts (av 49.00, ecen 3.45), 2ct.

5 matches, 5 runs (av 5.00), 6 wkts (av 25.40, econ 3.82). P C R Tufnell (Middlessex)

metches, 3 runs (ev -), 3 wkts (ev 44.83, econ 4.75).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 gyard: 20: 30:

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s, 64 runs (av 64.00), 8 wkts (av 13.00, soon 3.26), 5ct.

, 13 runs (av 13.00), 7 white (av 28.57, soon 4.15), 2ot.

England team has an adventurous look

Taylor decides to try a more adaptable style

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE transformation of Paul Merson's career is about to be completed. Eighteen months ago, the versatile Arsenal forward was seriously contemplating retiring prematurely from football and seeking alternative employment in a Spanish bar. Today, he will make his full debut for England here Czechowlovakia against

Five days after celebrating his 24th birthday, Merson Mark Hateley, who will also be ending his own rehabilitation. In spite of the absence of the ailing captain, Gary Lineker, the line-up is the most attacking selected so far by Graham Taylor.

His welcome sense of adventure goes far beyond making seven changes, only two of which were enforced by injuries. In designing an essentially flexible formation, he has indicated that England will in future no longer de-

serve to be regarded as stereo

typed and predictable. No side could be with the likes of David Platt, Nigel Clough and John Barnes at its core. Although there mus be reservations about their collective defensive work. each is individually capable of penetrating the strongest opposition with either an unexpected run (Plan's speciality), pass (Clough's) or both

(Barnes's).
The midfield trio will be supported by Stuart Pearce, retained as captain, and

have occupied the right flank against France last month had he been available. "With three central defenders" Taylor explains, "you don't need to use two full backs and play with five at the back".

The tactic, which was overemployed by Bobby Robson during the last World Cup, is excessively cautious since modern attacks, like Czechoslovakia's today, feature only two forwards. Yet Rocastie must demonstrate that he can protect England more securely than was the case recently gainst Spain B.

The idea is to raise the standard of distribution (which is not the greatest son's right back in Italy) from the wings. If nothing else, England promise to be appreciably more inventive than they have been since losing Paul Gascoigne.

The policy may carry an element of risk but it is both worthwhile and deliberate. "I couldn't bring people in while we were qualifying for the European championship finals," Taylor said. That might have damaged their careers before they started. Now I can clear the decks.

within this basic formation ... I want us to show that the players are adaptable enough to operate in different areas and be threatening without losing our shape or our

The enthusiasm of those chosen was unmistakable and none more so than Merson, who was so lacking in motivation and direction towards the end of 1990 that he telephoned his father and told him: "I'm going to pack it in. I don't want to know any more." Urged to give himself another chance, he responded and his manager, George Graham, guided him through "a nightmare

He joined Hateley, return-ing after an absence of four years, and Barnes in describing the team as "exciting and suited to attacking players". Whether England, who will first watch the World Cup cricket final on television, can adequately defend themselves against the numers-up to France in the European championship qualifying group is another matter.

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Sports Council and the

Central Council of Physical

Recreation (CCPR) yesterday

clashed over the objectives of

the PE programme in state

The Sports Council stated

in a consultation document

that: "In the past, some sports

have looked to schools to pro-

duce their future performers.

This is clearly not a major

objective of the PE

However, Nigel Hook, se-

nior technical officer of the

programme."



Gardiner sets Oxford pace

Head, Oxford have delighted their coaches by making remarkable progress (Mike

Much of the improvement stems from the inclusion at stroke of Ian Gardiner, from Glasgow, who learnt his rowing at Oxford and led their development crew at Henley last year. Cal Maciellan, Peter Bridge and Hamish Hume, blues in 1991, are clearly enjoying Gardiner's rhythm and Simon Davy. who looked suspect behind Joe Michels at Reading, is more controlled.

CCPR, said that the national

governing bodies would look

towards the PE programme

to develop sporting opportu-nities at all levels. "One of the

main objectives of PE is to

develop and coach young

people in sport and to deny

that right is to deny the right

to become sporting

The council, whose docu-

ment was published at the

Recreational Management

Conference, at Birmingham,

will circularise it to national-

governing bodies which are

represented by the CCPR.

ing problems in the crucial week before the Boat Race. Dan Justicz, their six man, had a stiff back and was rested yesterday and, with

their German stroke-man, Dirk Bangert, also below par. Cambridge limited themselves to one light morning session in rough water and cancelled their afternoon race with London University, who were beaten by Oxford on Saturday. Justicz is unlikely to return to the crew before

worked, there was a crisper Leander, arguably one of the look to Oxford in the bursts. best crews in Europe.

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PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja (PNSC)

7 matches, 341 runs (ev 68.20), 2ct. imran Khan (Lahore), 7 matches, 113 runs (av 22,80), 6 wkts (av 34,66, econ 3.65), tcl. Javed Mlandad (Habib Bank) 8 metches, 379 runs (ev 63.16), 1ct. Sallm Melik (Habib Bank) 9 matches, 116 runs (av 19.33), 0 wkt (econ 4.50), 3ct.

Inzamam-ul-Hao (Multani 9 metches, 183 runs (ev 20,33), 4cl. Wasim Akram (PIA) 9 matches, 29 runs (av 5.80), 15 white (av 19 26, econ 3.52), 1ct.

9 matches, 44 runs (av 14.66), 8ct, 3st. Iqbal Sikander (PIA) matches, 1 run (zv -), 3 white (av 49 00, econ 4.20). Aqib Javed (PACO) __

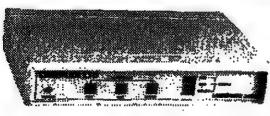
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The report, which is meant to be complementary to the national curriculum, is entitled Young People and Sport and concentrates on their ac-

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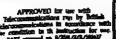




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Cambridge have no more fixtures against leading op-ponents, whereas Oxford will race a series of three-minute pieces this morning against

Conflict in sight over aims of PE the wish of almost all govern-The document accepted ing bodies for their sports not that sport and physical education were not the same but only to be available in schools pointed out that they were Another difficulty is that far "inter-linked". Therefore, sports and dance organtoo often schools select sports and activities because of traisations were rightly concerned about PE curriculum dition or whims of the PE content and that sufficient staff rather than what is the most appropriate for their time and resources were allo-

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How Hilary Williams took on British Gas and won

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Can this man save the BBC from ratings failure?

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25 1992

Empires fall but the band plays on

Richard Morrison recalls 150 years of the Vienna

Philharmonic, with its ruthless,

masculine and majestic tradition

oz, the French romantic composer, said it all. There are orchestras that are as good, but none better, In addition to its vivacity, poise and extreme technical efficiency, it has a most

beautiful tone. It is ideal in opera, superb in symphonic music."

Berlioz was writing in the mid1840s about the orchestra of the Vienna Court Opera, which had just diversified into freelance con-cert work. This Saturday that same orchestra, now better known as the Vienna Philharmonic, celebrates its 150th anniversary. It remains the world's most awesome performing ensemble: self-governperforming ensemble: self-governing, self-renewing, haughty and magnificent; guarding its traditions as ferociously as any medieval crafts guild; an eternal yardstick by which every other orchestra is judged.

Berlioz, however, could not foresee the paradoxes and dark ironies that law in the Philharmonic's

that lay in the Philharmonic's future. How does an institution. remain so dominant, yet so en-trenched in changelessness? What price the supposed "civilising pow-er" of great music, when the history of this orchestra includes incessant accusations of misogyny. anti-Semitism and mean-spiritedness? And why does an ensemble producing such sweet concord also have a morbid pen-chant for strident offstage discord?

The Vienna State Opera (where the Philharmonic still plays for 70 per cent of its time) has been a conductors' graveyard. The or-chestra's founder, Otto Nicolai, set the trend 150 years ago: he resigned after internal wrangling and departed for Berlin. Last year Claudio Abbado, the latest Opera director, did exactly the same thing. His reign had begun with ecstatically received perfor-mances. Then the inevitable whispering campaign started. "That SOR Of thing has been going on in Vienna for at least a century," says Franz Welser-Möst, the young Austrian conductor in charge of the London Philharmonic. Something in our Austrian character causes us to bring down

those we first greet as heroes. Nobody disputes that. Mahler, Böhm and Karajan all vacated the Vienna Opera job in strained circumstances. Lorin Maazel's tenure in 1983 had hardly started before it ended in recriminations.

Little seems to have changed since the Archbishop of Salzburg's chamberlain gave counsel to the young Mozart: "A man's reput-ation in Vienna lasts a very short time. At first you are overwhelmed with praise and make a lot of money . . . after a few months the Viennese want something new." Yet even those with reason to hate the Viennese musicians still

seem awed by the music-making. Take the composer Bruckner. The Vienna Philharmonic declared his Second Symphony unplayable, and cruelly sabotaged the pre-miere of his Third. But when he was invited to conduct the orchestra, Bruckner mounted the podium for the rehearsal and stood

motionless for several minutes, a radiant smile on his face. "We are quite ready, Herr Bruckner, do

er. "Oh no," said Bruckner. "After you, gentlemen." The Philharmonic is a classic product of the Biedermeier Period: the era that later penerations of Austrians regarded as a lost golden age, when all was concordant, balanced and in its rightful place. Later, Austria would experience one national trauma after. another: the scandal of Maverling. the collapse of the Habsburg empire, Nazi rule, two defeats in war, foreign occupation. Through.

all this, the Philharmonic not only

survived but grew in magisterial

authority: one last, shining beacon

attesting to Vienna's fading glory. Apart from its matchless, silky sound, what makes the Vienna Philharmonic unique is its refusal to allow conductors to dominate it. This orchestra does not have "principal conductors". A conductor is "invited to make music": the implication is that here is a partnership of equals. Even the most ruthless autocrats can find that daunting. Karajan once explained why he preferred the Berlin to the Vienna Philharmonic. "If I tell the Berliners to step forward, they do it. If I tell the Viennese to step forward, they do

it. But then they ask why." In musical terms, the Philharmonic has always been vulnerable to two charges: that it resists

however, there is great consolation

heavy heart that it was probably

have experienced since living

alone was when I emerged from

the bath one day to discover the

word "trhiwqxz" on my otherwise

blank word-processor screen. I

gulped, and stood stock still for a

minute, feeling the pulse race in my neck. And then I realised that a

cat had made a dash across the

keyboard.

attempts to change the way it plays the classics, and that it shuns modern music. Mahler sensed begin," urged the orchestra's leadthat even before he arrived. "Suppose I did come to Vienna," he wrote to a friend. "With my attitude, what would happen to me? The first time I tried to impose my interpretation of a Beethover symphony upon the celebrated Philharmonic, the most hateful battle would ensue." He was right.

> he paradox of Viennese musical life is that this hatred of the new, this constant taking refuge in comfortable nostalgia, has survived alongside Vienna's reputation as cradle or magnet for music's revolutionaries: Beethoven, Mahler, Schoenberg, Berg, Webern. Vienna hated them all, until they were safely dead. Composers were expected to be like good dinner-table conversation: elegant and entertaining, not soulsearching and provocative.

This "closed mind" attitude has given the Vienna Philharmonic a bad press in many quarters. True, Vienna is a unique music city," wrote the conductor Antal Dorati, "and it is quite in order that the Viennese musicians of today should be proud of this heritage. But pride without humility is conceit, and worthless."

Vienna still thinks of itself as the centre of a great empire," says Weiser-Möst. "But a player recently said to me: we have ridden our

high horse too long, we were due for a fall." Nemesis has indeed come, and at the worst time: as this anniversary year was launched. Carlos Kleiber, that reclusive conducting genius, was booked for the 1992 New Year's Day concert. Word got around that he was paid \$300,000, with television fees on top. That was bad enough: it dented the Philharmonic's reputation as an "equal-

partner" with its conductors. Worse was to follow. In return for his vast fee, Kleiber agreed to tour Japan with the orchestra. The Japanese promoters gleefully hiked ticket prices to around £200 a concert. A predictable disaster struck: Kleiber withdrew. It was a dismal start to the anniversary

There is a darker reason why this orchestra is hated by some: the recurring anti-Semitism in its history. That should be put in context. Viennese society was blatantly anti-Semitic from the 1890s onwards: the city that nurtured the young Hitler was also the city that conspired against Mahler. The fact that Mahler had cynically turned Catholic to gain his Vienna appointment made no difference. The irony is that Vienna was not

only a very Jewish city, but also that the Jews played a dominant role in cultural life. So the shock of the Anschluss, and of the subsequent purging of Jews from all of Austria's artistic organisations, was enormous.

years in the Philharmonic's history. In 1938 all the orchestra's Jewish members were dismissed. Six were subsequently killed in concentration camps. And yet the band played on.

modern times the one conductor apparently idolised in Vienna was Leonard Bernstein, an American Jew. Or perhaps it isn't strange at all. Bernstein, like Mahler, walked Into Vienna with his eyes open. He wanted the Vienna Opera to perform his operas. In return the Viennese struck a Faustian bargain: Bernstein should conduct an evening of Wagner in Vienna.

In New York, Bernstein's Jewish friends were shocked. A fellow composer. Gunther Schuller, wrote: "It is perverse that Lenny the most anti-Semitic of cities. The first thing most Viennese musiclans do when someone new

arrives is find out if he's a Jew." Bernstein himself wrestled with the morality of his decision in typically flamboyant fashion: he made a film of himself delivering a monologue addressed to Sigmund Freud, in which he asked himself what's a nice Jewish boy like you doing in a place like this playing racist music?" He probably be-lleved that his triumph in Vienna was, in part, a symptom of guilty Viennese consciences.

That useful American saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" -

could be the motto of the Vienna Philharmonic. Change one detail in the way we run our orchestra, the players argue; and the whole magical formula will be lost. That is why, if you ask a Vienna Philharmonic player the reason for his orchestra being so reluctant to admit women players, he will ask you (with icy Austrian courtesy) to point out the precise deficien-cies that would be improved by so radical a departure from tradition. When Mahler finally gave up his struggle with his Viennese musicians, he wrote them a letter of touching sadness: "Instead of the complete, rounded whole, such as I had hoped for, I leave behind

the incomplete, the fragmentary.

as a man seems fated to do." From his point of view, he did. But the Vienna Philharmonic would say that he left them exactly as he found them: a great orchestra whose perceived destiny is to stay exactly the same, forever.

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TOMORROW Anthony Holden on the Oscars

If only midnight pixies emptied the bin

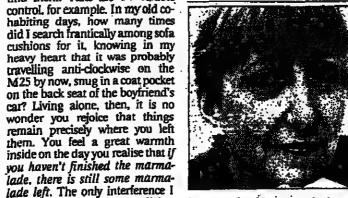
things to accept about being newly single is that there is no one to strike chorebargains with. You know the sort of thing: "If you do the breakfast, I'll take the bin out"; "I'll get the milk, you get the papers." Make such fair's-fair suggestions to a cat, I find, and it will just look preoccupied, and suddenly remember an urgent appointment outside.

The beauty of efficient teamwork is that it cuts through the grease and grime of household activity with a brisk one-two. reminiscent of the old telly adverts for Flash. Wisshh, woossshh, all done. "You make a cup of tea, while I lie full-out on this sofa. preventing it from bucking up and killing somebody.

Jobs that can't be tackled simultaneously stretch out instead in long miserable single file, like prisoners on a chain-gang, and are dealt with on the weary principle of one-damn-thing-afteranother. The plodding linear quality is depressing. Sometimes you forget, of course, and glance optimistically at the bin, fleetingly wondering whether someone else has taken out the rubbish. But they usually have not. The cheerful midnight pixie with bucket and

mop is a sweet and potent myth, SINGLE LIFE but it is cruelly misleading. Looking on the bright side,

Lynne Truss ponders a in the knowledge that the Mr Nobody who takes out the bin is long list of chores and also the Mr Nobody who moves things around so that you can't find them. Take the TV remote only herself to do them



for a couple of hours, and when I came back I realised I could retrace virtually every moment of his stay, just by observing all the things he had moved from their usual places. The loo seat was up. A plate with toast crumbs awaited me on the draining-board, along with a knife tinged with Marmite. A couple of inches of wine had I mention all this because last gone from an opened bottle, and a week I left a friend alone in my flat glass with dregs in it was rolling on

been replaced in the wrong position on a shelf, a window opened (and not closed again), the back-door key hidden so successfully it took me two hours to find it. I moved stealthily around the flat. feeling a bit like Sherlock Holmes on the trail of exotic cigar-ash. "He's been here, too!" I whispered excitedly. "See, he has moved these cassettes!" Thank goodness I didn't have a magnifying-glass, or I would have been down on the carpet, observing the pile for

the living-room floor. A book had

I felt proud and irritated in equal measure: proud that I can now (like Holmes himself) detect the tiniest variation in the depth of dust on a pile of Radio Times's; irritated for obvious reasons (mainly to do with washing up). But there was something rather macabre about this Do Your Own Forensics activity, and eventually I stopped thinking about it. The idea of living alone is somehow quite closely associated with the ... didn't want to think about the giveaway clues packed into my own day-to-day life. "We found a half-eaten jar of pickled onions next to the bath. She had fed the cats but not washed the spoon. A

little Post-It note was attached to

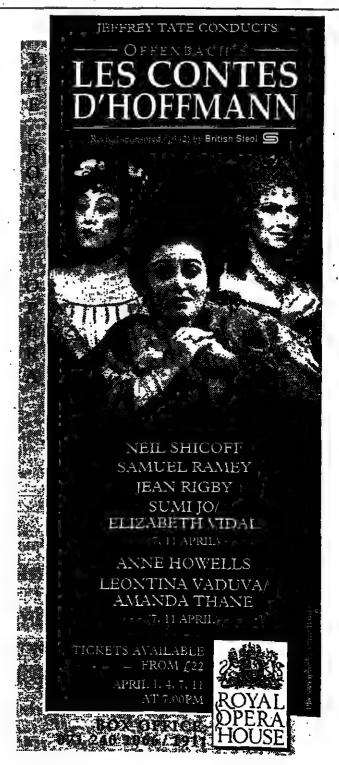
"I suppose it's my turn again?" written on it in big wobbly capital letters, underlined."

If this sounds self-pitying and

morbid, it is nevertheless some-

thing that single people very often joke about; the collective single mind contains a whole sub-section labelled: "What if I died?" "Thanks for the present," they say, "but what if I died, and somebody found the room stacked to shoulder height with 25 years' worth of Pet Fish Monthly?" I remember a woman once proudly describing to me how she had rescued herself from acute self-consciousness by assembling a library of pop psychology books, with titles such as 101 Ways Not To Care What Other People Think, and This Is Your Life (And Sod Them If They Can't Take a Jokej. The effect of these books had been miraculous. she said: she had been transformed into someone who did not give a damn. I was impressed, and asked her to check the publishing idea of dying alone, too; and I details. "Oh, but I threw them all out, in the end," she said in a lowered voice. "I mean, what if I died and people came in and found a load of books with titles like those?"

TOMORROW Private Life: John Diamond



WELL GOING AND MINING

FINAL SCOREBON

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can be traced back to concerts given in
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Masur conducts an all-Strauss
programme (Pichard that is) which
includes the mischievous symphonic
poem 718 Eutenspieges, and, from the
end of the composer's long the, the
lush Alekamorphosen for strings, and,
with Julia Variady, the sutunnal Four
Lest Songs. Last Songs. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7,45pm.

GRCHESTRA: The BBC Weish SO Under its Japanese conductor Tadask Otaka gives the world premiers of Willem Mathles's in Arcadia. The programme includes music by Mendetssohn and Tchaikovsky. University College Great Hall, Aberystwyth (1970 623232), Spm

ANDY SHEPPARD AND STEVE LODDER: Londovers are spoil for photos this week with the Cushden Jazz Festival celebrating the talents of acties from guitariest Allan Holdsworth to the hiftuential plantet Kelt Tepest. Tonight brings the first live outing for the creative due of sexephonias heopera and keypourd player

HIGH HEELS (10): Spenish director Pedro Amedows's most recent film receives a charity premiere in aid of Crusaid, the national fundraiser for

ANNA KAREMINA: Fråir and imagination in Shared Experience's rewarding version of Tolstoy's novel. Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW5 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sel, 8pm, mai 8at.

THE COTTON CLUB. AN Impression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story festiness, Aldwych, The Aldwych, WCZ (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat. 4pm. 150mine. DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brigh

Prief's Olivier Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirties Donegal. Garrick, Charling Cross Floed, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: AME

Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Pela superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martim's Lene, WC2-(071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 8pn mats Thurs, 3pn, Sat, 4pm. 120mi DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Paines Plough make Orve wintry book a feast of ciever steging and sharp vignettes of acting. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm.

C) AN EVENING WITH GARY LIMEXCS: Sometimes divid inches the fantasies of a women merried to a Duchees, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

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C) A HARD HEART: Architott Anna Massey destroys whet she claims to love in Barker's complex, erid play, Almeids, Almeids, Street, NT (071-358 4404), Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Sat, 4pm. HEARTBREAK HOUSE Paul

Sociald and Vanessa Redgrave heed Traver Numn's aplended cast in Shaw's Implema, state-of-England drams. arroman, ambron-Engano Grama. Theatre Royal, Heymarket, SW1 (071-130 (1807): Mon-Sai, 7,30pm, mais Wed, Sai, 2,30pm, 255mins. MAXING IT BETTER: Jumps

Seunders' aubtis play concerned witi kleale, reality and Speration in Prague and London; Jane Aaher in an

NEW RELEASES APOCALYPSE NOW (18): Coppele's agent with orders to kill Marion MGM Shufterbury Avenue (071-535 6279/378 7025).

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15): Jacque LA BELLE NOISEURE (16): Jacques Rivette's hypnotic exploration of a partier and his model, strugging to complete an ebendoned canvas. Close to a masterpiece. With Michel Piccoll, Emmanuelle Béert, Jane Birtici. Chelses (671-351 374/2743) Metro (071-437 0767) Renoir (071-637 8402).

SUGBY (18): Warren Beatty as Bugsy Slogel, the gangster wito invented Les Vegas. Sleek, withy, dazzāng to behold. Starring Annette Bening: director, Sarry Levinson, Odeon Leiseater Square (0428 \$15863).

J'EMERASSE PAS (1R): Latur-day Candide becomes a Paris hastler, Accomplished, but unedifying, With Manuel Blanc, Emmanuelle Séart, Plachina.

MGM Ploondilly (071-437 3561) MGM Totsenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocedero (071-434 0081).

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♦ SHINING THROUGH (15); Opulent, proposterous warting drame, with Melanie Griffith apying for the U.S. Government in Berlin, State Michael

THEATRES

TODAY'S EVENTS

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latest is 1630-40, during which Turner was at the height of his powers and fame. The drawings and watercolours included show much technical experiment, the completion of some of the previous decade is major projects, the previous decade is major projects, the previous decade is major projects, and water, the beginnings of the Rivers of France, and his autonishing coverance of the Rivers of Parliament.

of France, and his astonishing coverage of the Houses of Parliament firm in (634. Tate Gallery, Millbenk, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-6.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until May 10.

RAPHAEL REPRISCOVERED:
Raphael's Maclonne with the Plinks, one of his most tierder early works, has been involven for more than a century only from copies. But recently Nicholas Paray, of the National Gallery, recognized one of the supposed.

copies, in the Dules of Northamburtann's collection, as the long-lest original. Cleaning has revealed the picture to be in perfect condition. It is now on loan to the National Gallery, and on show with other Raphaels of the same parient.

National Gallery, Trafelger Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 18am-8pm, Sun, 2-8pm, Linti March 29.

THE BURBER OF SEVILLE: Jonethan

Rossini opera, re-staged by John Abulatis for English National Opera in

The comotoes is blantismary year, lectured Lawle einige Figure, white Einigh James is Rosins. The cast also includes Peter Bronder as Almestve. Andrew Shore as Bertolo, and Richard Angre as Besilio. Jacok Kaspezyk

Collegum, 54 Mertin's Lame, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7-30pm.

Histoias Lyndhurs, Nei Dagish and Carmel McShurry in likeshie comedy about a doting mother's worries, notably her gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-897 1116). Mon-Sat, Bpm, mats Wad, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins.

A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in pleasing tribute to Cola Porter's wit and wry malodies.
 Vauderen, Tim Strand, WC2 (UT1-638)

9967). Mon-Fri, Sprii, Set, 6.30pm, meta Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm. 140mins.

TALKING HEADS: Period Routetips and Alan Bornatt south three of his monologues charting the unconsolous humour and pain of

Commedy, Penion Breet, SWI (071-857) 1045). Mon-Sat, Sprn, mais Wed, Sprn, 8et, 4pm. 150mins. Final week,

A TRIGUTE TO THE BULIES
BROTHERS: Lively parada of www.iii
padas. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-897
1119). Mon-Thurs, 8. 15pm, Fri, Sat,
8. 15pm and Spm. 120mbs.

III UNCLE VANYA: Not McKaller and

Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Mailhair production that is aubtio, balanced and tense with grief. National (Cottesloe), South Burst, 8E1 (071-928 2552), Tonight, Iomonow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2,30pm.

LONG RUNNERS:

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Aspects of Lover Prince of Wales (071-839 8972).

Blood Brothers: Pheenist (071-867 1044).

Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-867 171-87).

Cata: New London (071-405 0072).

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A deily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

Lumlere, St Murtin's Lane, London SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: The husband and wife learn of conductor Paul Daniel and soprano Joan Rodgers feature in this programme with the Scottlish Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, performing Mhaud's jazz repred work, The Minisus s jazz-spired work, The Creation of the World, Britten's song cycle Les Buminations and Faurá's Requern. Also with the accomplished bartons Stephen Varcos. Royal Concert Half, Buchanan Street. Glasgow (041-227 5511), 7.30pm.

THE PELICAN: The Citizens' new THE PELICAN: The Citizens' new apring season brings together three sharply continuated views of love: The Pelican, Stradberg's most virtidic portrait of a mother (Inited Thestra, opers tonight), Dic Edward's play Casanove Undone, the great lover at the end of his legendary powers (Second Thestre, opens tomorrow), and Wederland's Luku (First Thestre, opens Friday).
Citizens Theetre, Gorbels, Giasgow ms. 1.20 (022) 7, 30nm.

(041-429 0022), 7.30pm. TURNER - THE FIFTH DECADE The Core Gasary's surveys of Turner's career in temporary exhibitions are orise-crossing the ground, working sometimes by theme, sometimes by period. The period covered by this

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kinoston's assessment House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

Hampstand, Seles Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Set, Spm, met Set, 4pm. 120mins. Final week. I MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Trevor Num'n engrossing production: David Haig latally tempted by Clairs Bishner in Freuer's Wanns. Young Vio, The Cur, SE1 (071-820 0411/828 6363). Mon-Se1, 7.15pm, mets Trurs, 3et, Aprn. 210mins.

□ MOSY DICK: A gri's school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistrees playing Capitaln Ahah. Besettad musicat. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Set, Sprt., mat Sat, 4pm. 19fories.

III. THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Alfred Moissa and a superb Elsen Alifau in Tormassoc Williams a play on the effects of sexual repression, National (Lytelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Today, 2.15pm and 7 20cm 1800-ins

 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA:
Gleehil version of the old thriler; tunes
by Offenbach, Verol and Weber but
not Lloyd Webber. Shelleshury, Shellesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 6399). Mon-Fri, 7,30pm, Set, 8,30pm, meta Thure, 3pm, Set, Som, 187mine

THE POCKET DREAM: Foo burissque of A Adduranter Might's Dream, with fills McShaes and Bandl Toksvig, Dedicated fars only. Albery, 3t Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-987 11 15). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mate Sal, Sun, 3pm, 135mins.

II THE RECRUITING DAFICER: Nicholas Hyther's good-instured production, rether too good to be true to the play's during content. South Blank, SE1 (071-828 2252), Yanight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat lonnerow, 2pm. 165mins.

SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukawarm. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of film. Prince Edward, Old Compiler Shreet, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.48pm, mate Thurs, 8at, 3pm. 165mins.

Generation: Anomazion (071-6111) The Women in Sta-Fortune (071-636 2236). Ticket information exposed by Society of West End Theetre

GINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

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TILL THERE WAS YOU (PG): Stale romants drama with enticing South Pacific scenery. With Merk Harmon, Deborah Unger. Jeroen Krebbé; a Irai feature by Australian John Seale.
MGM Panton Street (071-830 0831).
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 8148).

CURRENT BARTON FINK (18): The Coen brothers' mervellous mecabre comedy about a New York playwright at at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starring John Turturro, John Goodmen, A briple Carries prisowinner: Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-886

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth
 eartury Jesut (Lotheire Bittlesu) tries to commer Indians in northern Queboc. Intelligent spic from Brian Moorn's novel. Director, Bruce Berestord. MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-356 0146) Output Konamyton (0428-914688) Pinca (071-497 9399).

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorless Mick Notes and family. Markin Scoreset's Isrocious,

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HEAR MY 80NG (18): Promoter seeks rectuelve inith tenor Josef Looke, seurited in Britain law has a seudin, maggy dog talls with modest pleasures. Starring Ned Beatty, Adrien Durber; Grecter, Fater Chesson.

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THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONICIJE

(15); P(rzysztof Flesiowski) is brilliantly Illimad consentrum about two girls (cns

Polist, one Prench) who seem to share a life. With Iriens Jecob, Philippe Volter, Curzon Mayfair (071-465 6866).

Light's LEEPER (15): Lugubrious elegy to the Eighbes drug scene from writer-director. P. ul Scheder, partly saved by Wilson Delbo as a loner stumbling towards rademption. With Susan Seprendon.

Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PO): Anany Timou's eustere, quiedly dazzh drama of a concubine's struggies in Twanties Chins. With Gong Li. Metro (071-437 0757) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Renoir (071-837 8402).

Syncopated teamwork

Clive Davis discusses the heyday of the Broadway musical — and its future — with the author of a new study of the Gershwins

n 1925, a year after the premiere of Rhapsody in Blue, George Gershwin discussed his musical philosophy in a magazine article: "Modern life is, alas! not expressed by smooth phrases. We are living in an age of staccato, not legato. This we must accept. But this does not mean that out of this very staccato utterance something beautiful may not be evolved."

The process of creating a genuinely contemporary and indigenous musical form is described in Fascinating Rhythm, a copious study by Deena Rosenberg, head of New York University's Musical Theatre Program. In particular she focuses on the role of Gershwin's elder brother Ira, whose contribution as a lyricist is frequently taken for granted.

Rosenberg enjoyed the important advantage of having Ira Gershwin's full co-operation. She first met him in 1974 after researching an article on George Gershwin's 75th anniversary. and they remained close until Ira died in 1983, aged 86. During that period he gave Rosenberg access to his remarkable archive of memorabilia, which included diaries, manuscripts and letters.

"He had saved everything — even George's cancelled cheques," says Rosenberg, "Ira would look at the date on a cheque and it would push some memory button. There was one cheque which dated from when George was planning to take a trip to Charleston to see DuBose Heyward, author of the novel Porgy and colyricist on Porgy and Bess. As he thought about it, you could see Ira transport himself back to that time. It was very exciting, to feel you were simultaneously in the present and in the past."

In a partnership which lasted until George's death from a brain tumour in 1937, the brothers wrote more than 700 songs. But until now little attention has been given to the nature of their collaboration. For example, Alec Wilder's pioneering work American Popular Song: The Great Innovators 1900-1950 allots more than 40 pages to George Gershwin, yet makes only passing references — many of them dismissive — to the

Rosenberg dwells at length on the synthesis of talents. To underline the relationship between composer and yricist, she quotes Ira's favourite definition of song, taken from the Encylopaedia Britannica: "Song is the joint art of words and music, two arts under emotional pressure coalescing into a third. The relation and balance of the two arts is a problem

that has to be resolved anew in every

So how important a role did Ira Gershwin play? "I don't think he has been given enough credit, partly because people simply don't realise how difficult it is to write lyrics of that standard. On the evidence we have. George wrote a couple of hundred songs before he regularly collaborated with Ira. One of those was 'Swanee'. which was extremely popular and lively, but which is probably not in the canon of greatest Gershwin songs. There is also 'Somebody Loves Me'. The other songs are not particularly distinguished.

Rosenberg locates the turning point in the period immediately after Rhapsody In Blue (whose title, incidentally, as suggested by Ira). Once George had found his own musical voice, mixing blue note melodies with unusual harmonies and syncopations, Ira began to find words to match. Among the first results, for instance, was "The Man I Love".

"Suddenly, they're writing all-time standard songs," Rosenberg continues. "You have to conclude that something about the symbiosis was producing this extremely high level of work. George Gershwin would still have been a composer of genius without Ira, but in terms of theatrical song-writing you need some sort of click. All the great teams have that bond. Besides, after George died. Ira went on to write some extremely distinguished lyrics, especially with Jerome Kern: 'Long Ago (And Far Away)' and Harold Arien: The Man That Got Away in A Star is Born.

Rosenberg's book reminds readers how many of the Gershwins' classic songs were written for Broadway musicals which have long since been forgotten. The main reason for this apparent anomaly, it seems, is that the shows were conceived as vehicles for specific stars, among them Fred and Adele Astaire.

ne musical from 1930, Giri Crazy, currently forms the basis of a new show on Broadway: Crazy for You. The story of a New York playboy who is sent to mingle with the hicks way out west, the show original-ly starred Ginger Rogers and Ethel Merman, then both in their teens. It has now been fitted out with a new book by Ken Ludwig, best known for Lend Me a Tenor. The 19 songs are taken from a variety of sources, and include a number of recently unearthed items from the archives. For some time now, Broadway-

George Gershwin: making music with the rhythms of modern life

traditional American musical has become an endangered species. Deena Rosenberg does her bit to keep the institution alive through her graduate programme, which is based at Tisch School of Arts premises on Second Avenue. She was invited to help launch the project just over a decade ago after writing an article for the New York Times entitled "The Homeless Plight of the American Musical.

The two-year course, which takes 14 to 18 students at a time, is said to be the only one of its kind in the United States. Emphasis is placed on practical assignments and guidance from visitors such as Hal Prince. "You can't teach talent." says Rosenberg. The way we work is to put together a small group of highly talented people with different disciplines and make them write a lot and give a critique of each other's work. In their second year they each have to write a full-scale piece.

"I'm not pessimistic about musical

theatre, but I'm not sure that Broadway is where the major expressions will come in the future. Ninety-five per cent of my students are successful-ly functioning in the industry mostly writing children's theatre. film scores or writing for regional theatre. Broadway is not a major outlet for new talent because there are too few musicals being staged, and they're too

"Broadway used to have everything, from the fluffiest revue to Porgy and Bess. Today it doesn't encompass anything like that range. The emphasis now is on speciacle. Some innovative things manage to get done, but even someone like Stephen Sondheim isn't guaranteed to get a run. Don't get me wrong, I like Les Misèrables it's a powerful work. I just don't think it should be the only kind of spectacle We see."

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Rickie Lee Jones Dominion

EVEN before the show began, things looked strange. There was an oddly-shaped window-frame at the rear, while the stage was decorated with the accoutrements of a living room.

Rickie Lee Jones strolled into this slightly warped version of reality, singing the breezy jazz standard "Bye Bye Blackbird" which she phrased with many slurred elisions and an eccentric disregard for the metre of the tune's original arrangement. This was followed by "Makin' Whoopee", the song which won her a Grammy award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance in 1990, and a delivery which combined worldly innuendo with the

insouciance of a giggly schoolgirl.
Clearly, the initial marketing of Jones towards the end of the Seventies which pegged her as the "new Joni Mitchell" is long out of date, and although she included various numbers from the early days — "The Last Chance Texaco", "Coolsville" and "Easy Money" among others, which delighted the fiercely partisan crowd

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watchers have been worried that the

music from her most recent album Pop Pop, a broadly appealing collection of jazz covers and Tin Pan Alley standards that has taken her off the edge of the map as far as the mainstream rock market is con-cerned. With the aid of a marvellously flexible five-piece acoustic band — guitar, upright bass, harmonica, saxguitar, upright bass, harmonica, saxophone, percussion — she veered
from the faintly irritating, baby-talk
comedy of "I Won't Grow Up" to
torch ballads of glowing intensity,
notably "Second Time Around" and
"My One and Only Love". Here she
trowelled on the emotion, producing
remarkably vivid shades of vocal
colouring while her arms flailed like
one of those figures in the corner of one of those figures in the corner of the television screen supplying a running translation of the lyric into sign language.

She ended with a ragged, impromptu version of The Beatles' Baby You're a Rich Man" and then a song dedicated to her two-year-old daughter. It began "How can I tell you that I love you", but like the rest of the show it turned out to be curiously moving, nevertheless.

Force of convention

Madama Butterfly RNCM, Manchester

TRENDY producers may leap at the chance of casting Yu Jixing as Lieutenant Pinkerton, Even if there is still a touch of self-consciousness about his style, he has the vocal colour and power of a true Italian herolc tenor, so it is easy to predict that he will be in considerable demand. But he looks thoroughly oriental, and for a moment one had the sinking feeling that the Royal Northern College of Music's Madama Butterfly would be an innovative reinterpretation of the work.

Wisely, Stefan Janski resists the temptation: his production is in all ways thoroughly sensitive to the dramatic tensions inherent in the music; it seems absolutely scrupulous on the conventions of Japanese and American behaviour (in which context Yu Jixing soon seemed thoroughly American); and it is full of thoughtful touches that show a clear understanding of what makes the DAVID SINCLAIR opera work on stage. With colourful designs by Richard Marks and beau-

tifully judged lighting by Philip L. Edwards, this is a production of some

Rosalind Sutherland takes the enormous title role, with increasing focus as the work progresses. She too has the power and the range to move easily onto the professional stage, and she also commands the necessary variety of colour and emotion.

Sara Fulgoni shows a resourceful and individual mezzo-soprano voice that presents the often deferential role of Suzuki in impressive style. And if Craig Smith's elegantly persuasive baritone occasionally failed to match the force of the orchestral climaxes he nevertheless gave a Sharpless who was thoroughly sympathetic and gen-

tlemanly.

Among the smaller roles there was a particularly fine Bonzo from Benjamin Bland, a touchingly dignified Yamadori from Dyfed Wyn Evans, a well-judged Kate Pinkerton from Claire Bradshaw and an excellent Goro from Michael Bennett.

If the orchestra - hucidly conducted by Noel Davies - was a little less secure than for last week's The Pilgrim's Progress, it still produced playing of a high order. The two operas together stand as awesome testimony to the present powers of the

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The question is, how much do we need them? Do they have a magic quality that British directors lack? Most leading actors who have been through the foreign experience are emphatic that they do. When Glenda Jackson played the autocratic Spanish mother in Nuria Espert's West End production of The House of Bernarda Alba, she constantly had to tell herself:
"They don't live in Surrey, they don't live in Surrey." Espert kept reminding her: "We are savages! We don't have your politeness." The result was a portrayal of explo-sive intensity that Glenda Jackson cherishes as one of her

A year ago the Georgian director Robert Sturua guided the Redgraves through an uncommonly passionate Three Sisters. "Physically and emotionally I would say it was about the toughest production any of us had done," recalls Lynn Redgrave. "We all agreed on that It was very different but one had to abandon oneself to his way of doing things. That was very good for us all, I think, because a few of us had been used to having our own way for a long time."

More recently, Prunella Scales took part in a workshop at the National Theatre Studio run by the influential Russian director, Anatoli Vasiliev. She went along expecting "a tyrannous guru" but was surprised to find him courteous; petient and positive "I don't know how much I can use, but it certainly shook me up as an actor in a very positive way." she says. "It's something to do with the energy he generates, working. He didn't lavish never destructive. We adored

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Augusto Boal, is at present running a series of workshops for London Bubble, while the Russian director Vasilij Scorik is taking drama students of Guildhall : School through Dostoevsky's The Possessed. This week Lev Dodin, director of the Maly Drama Theatre of St Petersburg (formerly the Maly Theatre of Leningrad), and 23 of his company begin working with British actors in Melrose, Scotland.

odin's visit rounds off a major season of workshops by directors from the former Soviet Union organised by the International Workshop Festival. The IWF. which previously introduced Jacques Lecoq, Carlo Boso and Phillipe Gauller to the British theatre profession, has a further line-up of internadonal directors and teachers in the autumn.

This summer, Thelma Holt will mount a new Robert Sturua production with a British cast, Robert Lepage will unveil his version of Midsummer Night's Dream at the National Theatre and Phillipe Gaulier will be touring his newly formed British comspring, Yukio Ninagawa di-recis Alan Rickman in Peer Gynt, also produced by Thei-

It all sounds very interna-

ence is this going to make to British theatre? Theima Holt, who has a long experience of enticing top foreign directors to work here, thinks the vital element is risk. "The thing about many foreign directors is that they do inspire in actors the willingness to stretch themselves just a little bit further than they sometimes. do when they're with a director who speaks their own lan-guage," she says. "And the result is that you take risks. Foreign directors reserve the right to fail, which we tend not

to do because of our economic

Inevitably the stimulus of working with top foreign directors, who demand the time to go into minute detail on a scene, highlights the fact that so much British work could be better if it were not so compromised. As Prunella Scales points out, "What we have to do in England is instant acting and we're very good at it. But there's a world elsewhere that can show us different ways. British directors don't get the chance to work as they would like to, because there's never enough time."

Good foreign directors are admired for the visual boldness of their productions and the technical virtuosity of their actors, but when they work here, what most strikes audiences and critics is the emotional intensity they manage to extract from British actors. How do they do it? Suzanne Bertish, who starred with Alan Rickman in Ninagawa's production of Tango at the End of Winter, says, "I instinctively trusted Ninagawa, Yet I've never been given more respon-sibility by a director, ever in my life. What inspired me personally about him was this great director's humility. He wasn't talking from a puffed-up ego. He achieved in five weeks rehearsal what is not often achieved after working a year

What most impressed Glenda Jackson about Nuria Espert was that she listened and offered suggestions rather plans of how people moved and on what line. By contrast, Yuri Lyubimov did approach his restaging of Hamlet for Leicester Haymarket (which

in a company."







he had directed in Russia more than a decade before) with a preordained plan and for many of his cast the rehearsal process was indeed a battle. As Daniel Webb, who played Hamlet, recalls, "He had a particular approach to acting where an action would. lead to a thought which would lead to an emotion, rather than the other way round. I found it refreshing but half the actors found it extremely threatening. They couldn't said to me, 'If you're feeling do that'."

What Lyubimov had in quite a good note." common with his foreign colleagues was an eagemess to earned

intellectual discussions so beloved of many English directors. "The thing about foreign directors is that they force you to do things you're not used to doing," says Webb. "On the very first day it was straight in. He said, You've all read it? Okay, we don't need a readthrough.' And he wanted 150 per cent from the very begin-ning. It made you dive off the top board. As an actor, I felt naked and scared. Lyubimov

wrong.' I thought that was But for all his risks, Webb damning reviews because the verse-speaking

was so atrocious. In rehearsal, Lyubimov had given more time to the technical complexities of his set than the needs of the actors. A confrontation developed and members of the cast were left to speak the lines as best they could.

course, not every foreign director is a theatrical Messiah. but if we are open enough to take on new methods we have nothing to lose partty why the International Workshop Festival is increasingly targeting British direc-tors. Ultimately it is they who will bring about change.

Meanwhile, polite actors must somehow find the courage to be passionate and savage. As Glenda Jackson says, "In this country a great many directors work with one eye on the critic. The British theatre is never going to improve until we get to a situation where people can begin to take risks again. If you are stuck in London, in a warp that says the only definer of quality is the ability of a production to make a profit.

● For details of places in the International Workshop Festival, telephone 071-253 3099.

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British theatre. Life is depen-

ARTS BRIEF

Dream in sight

ALBERTO GRIMALDI, the veteran film producer of Last Tango in Paris and Fellini's Satyricon, is inching nearer to his dream project. It is to make a film version of Dashiell Hammett's novel Red Harvest, a corpse-ridden tale of corruption and union-busting in Montana. Grimaldi bought the rights in 1972; Bernardo Bertolucci was once earmarked as the director, but fell out over interpretation (he is reported to have envisaged the film as "an American Marxist opera"). The more conservative Volker Schlöndorff has now been signed, and Harrison Ford is being sought to star as Hammett's nameless

Unto the breach

SIR William Walton would have been 90 this coming Sunday, and the London Symphony Orchestra is marking the date with a performance at the Barbican of Walton's score for the 1944 Olivier film of Henry V. On this occasion. Tom Conti will be crying God for Harry. England and St George. The Barbican Centre is also cur-rently showing 30 photographs by Cecil Beaton of the young Walton and his circle of acquaintances. The exhibition is on until the end of next

Peak time

IF THE quality of the jury is anything to go by, the world's newest arts awards — the "Montblanc de la Culture" — should make a splash. Dame Joan Sutherland, Catherine Deneuve, Isaac Stern, the dancer Karen Kain, the Louvre Pyramid architect I.M.Pei and the conductor Seiji Ozawa are among the judges for the awards, which are sponsored by a pen company. Each year four leading patrons of the arts will be selected; they will receive \$25,000 each to spend on the arts organisation of their choice. The awards are announced in New York next

Last chance . . .

WET, WET, WET - the Glasgow rock band with the silly, silly, silly name - have made strenuous efforts to shake off their "teen heroes" image and reposition themselves in adult consciousness. But, thanks in large measure to the recent chart success of their romantic ballad "Good-night Giri", it just won't work. Young girls insist on turning every venue at which they dron of pubescent rapture.
The final concert in their current tour is tonight at the NEC, Birmingham (021-780

GALLERIES: NAPLES

Distinguished, gloomy gathering

hese have been good years for lovers of Span-ish art. A series of major shows devoted to individual masters have effectively covered most of the greatest: Velázquez, El Greco, Gova, Zurbarán, Murillo. (Unfortunately only the last of these, plus one of the smaller Goyas, ever came to Britain.) The one important gap is now filled: Ribera is the subject of a giant show in Naples now, and at the Prado in Madrid later in

Why Naples, since he was a Spanish painter? Of course in his lifetime (1591-1652) Naples was Spanish, at least to the extent that the kings of Spain were also kings of Naples. Jusepe de Ribera was born in Janva, Spain, and is first sighted professionally in Parma, when he was 20. Five years later he was in Naples: indeed, he was married there and settled there for the rest of

All the same, he seems to have been regarded as a Spanish painter (he signed his works "Jusepe de Ribera Espagnol"), and kept close connections with Spanish patrons, particularly in the 1630s and 1640s, when he executed major commissions for Spain, though probably without ever leaving Naples. In 1625 he was visited by a Spanish friend who asked why he lived and worked in Naples. He answered, with the perennial expatriate's lament "I think Spain is a kindly mother to foreigners, but a very cruel stepmother to her

Where Ribera belonged did not seem to pose that much of a problem for contemporaries, but it looms larger with the modern passion for categorisation. Certainly he was admired and emulated in Spain; his work was influential, for example, on Velázquez, who was just eight years younger. though some of Ribera's later works, such as The Cripple . Ribera, a Spaniard who made his name in Italy, is the subject of an exhibition in his adopted home. John Russell Taylor reports



At least he spared viewers the flaying Apollo and Marsyas by Jusepe de Ribera

Juan of Austria, suggests that the influence may have been reciprocal

And yet the proliferation of flayings and other nastinesses applied to the saints (the martyrdoms of St Bartholomew and St Sebastian were particular favourites) seem completely at home in Neapolitan art of the period, and the showing of Ribera in Naples has the extra advantage of being able to include two of his major commissions nearby,

and the equestrian portrait of the Certosa di San Martino. on which he worked for many years, and the Cappella del l'esoro di San Gennaro. The Prado will be able to offer nothing comparable.

Finally what matters, of course, is Ribera's quality as a painter. Here, it must be confessed, the show is not at once encouraging. Buried appropriately in the ice house depths of the Castel Sant' Elmo, it begins with so many very dark-toned pictures that one longs for a little light and colour. Eventually they seep into his work, but only after traversing a seemingly endless series of half- and threequarter length portraits withplain brown backgrounds, usually identified as this saint or that only by a significantly placed attribute.

As Ribera progresses into the 17th century his compositions become more intricate and unruly, his colours lighter and brighter. But still his characteristic tone is grim: the only picture with charm in the

whole show is the Boy With a Vase of Flowers, from Oslo. which has been suggested as constituting some sort of series with The Drinker and Girl with a Tambourine, though seeing .. them together .here makes that seem unlikely. Sometimes a vivid or imagi-

native detail emerges from the prevailing gloom. There can be few Old Master versions of Jacob's Dream, for instance, that render the contents of the dream with such Impressionist vagueness as Ribera's.

erhaps it is cheering as well as unexpected that just once, when dealing with the Penitent Magdalen. he has opted for the precise moment when the scales drop from her eyes (before she has had time to change from glamour to rags) and that when dealing with the story of Marysas, he has not gone into detail about the flaying. On the other hand, the Venus in his Venus and Adonis looks more vengeful than loving. and who else would have painted the bearded lady Maddalena Ventura suckling her child?

This climate of violence and gloom is arguably common to Neapolitan and Spanish painting at this period, but Ribera's brand fits in with Naples and seems slightly offcentre in Spain. The most one can say is that some of his richest later works, like the Metropolitan's Mystical Marriage of St Catherine (1648) or the Santa Maria Egiziaca in Naples (pensive rather than heftily aerobatic) are poised between the two schools. What would have happened if he had returned to Spain? In Naples that remains a puzzle. Maybe the Madrid version of the show will suggest some

• Jusepe de Ribera is showing in Naples at the Castel Sant Elmo, the Certosa di San Martino and the Cappella del Tesoro di San Gennaro, until May 17.

unsuspected answers.

ike a crazily speeded-up windmill revolving in a

high wind, Simon Schama's arms go into overdrive beside his favourite Rembrandts. The enthusiasm, insight and sheer bodily mobility be lavished on the Night Watch or Beishazzar's Feast made last Sunday's Rem-brandt: The Public Eye the sparkiest of BBC 2's current orgy of Rembrandt programmes. Schama could not conceal his delight at spotting the artist's own eye, halfhidden in the shadows of the Night Watch. Tiny details like that can be picked out and blown up on television with marvellous effect. But the size of the small screen militates against looking at complete paintings, which usually end up on television resembling

postage stamps. Possibly realising this problem. Schama peered into the chiaroscuro as deeply as pos-sible. The Royal Collection's exquisite portrait of Agatha Bas yielded some exceptional details from her intricate lacework, jewellery and open fili-gree fan. While reveiling in these accoutrements. Schama rightly stressed Agatha's lack of vanity. The sitter's Protestant face is "scrubbed with virtue", protecting her from any suspicion of showing-off.

At this prosperous stage in his career, the young and hugely successful Rembrandt reserved the greatest displays of ostentation for his selfportraits. Openly vying with Titian and Raphael, whose work could be admired in the Amsterdam salerooms, he produced an outstandingly suave and glossy image of himself. Cultivated and assured, he looks the very model of a modern Dutch master. But he was also able to

explore the mortality of man with unsettling determination. Schama visited the old Anatomy Theatre where, surrounded by skeletons and body parts, he talked about Amsterdam's preoccupation with dissecting criminals' corpses. In Rembrandt's hypnotic painting of Dr Tulp's anatomy lesson, a forearm has been

Tracks of the master

exposed and probed by the surgeon's knife. Talking about the importance attached to human hands in 17th-century Holland, Schama's own hands became even more frantically flamboyant.

chama's ability to dive

into a painting, and resurface with an observation about the fur standing up in terror on Belshazzar's doak, made me look forward to his second programme (on BBC 2 next Sunday) about the later, private Rembrandt. But at one point, the camera alighted on a portrait of Jan Pellicorne without any acknowledgement of the painting's uncertain status. For this Rembrandts in the Wallace Collection, where only one of his pictures is now regarded as authentic. The rest have been rejected by the Rembrandt Research Project, a formidable

team of Dutch scholars whose deliberations lie at the centre of The Vanishing Rem-brandts (tonight, BBC 2).

Geoff Dunlop's measured film begins in an ominous mood, stressing the fear generated by the Project as it strips Rembrandr's oeuvre of its dubious images. Some of his most celebrated and expensive paintings have been attributed to pupils such as Flinck, Bol and the elusive Drost, who is even supposed to have painted the seductive Polish Rider in the Frick collection. The direcfor of the Frick fails to defend his painting, but other owners rally round their pictures with conviction.

The undismayed Duke of Westminster, four of whose Rembrandts have been ousted from the canon, coolly insists that "It's not something which concerns me hugely - the quality of the work hasn't changed." But our attitude to the disputed pictures is bound to alter. Unlike Christopher Brown of the National Gallery, who likens one Westminster portrait to the infinitely superior Agama Bas, I find myself sharing the Project's

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Taking heat from the gasmen

Heather Kirby tells how Hilary Williams fought against dismissal and won a case to

get back her job as a senior executive

ies what the modern female high-flier is all about, which may explain why British Gasman is so flurnmoxed by her. Single, 48, and committed to her career, Ms Williams is too independent and intelligent to be pushed around, but she is also sensitive and can be seriously wounded by unfair

This combination seems to present supposedly modern organ-isations, with stone age-mentality managers lurking in their corridors of power, with a dilemma. How does corporate caveman cope with an attractive senior executive, tipped to become the company's first female director, someone who can neither be patronised as one of the boys nor seduced with a sharp tap on the head with a club?

There are other ways, as Ms Williams discovered when she was summarily sacked from her £45,000-a-year job as southwest regional marketing manager for British Gas. When it happened, Tony Roddis, her boss, said: Thank God you have taken it like a man, even though you are the wrong shape." His remark will be treasured in the annals of equal opportunities lore. But instead of putting up with her demotion as, apparently, she was expected to do, Ms Williams fought back.

"It was a matter of personal pride," she says. "I felt destroyed. Having concentrated exclusively on a career for 25 years, I had put all my eggs in one basket and there went the basket, crashing down. Individuals and organisations should behave in a moral way and the treatment I received no way fell

"It was grossly unfair, and an unwarranted slur was being cast on my career. It was fed back to me that 'she must have blotted her copybook' but there was no skeleton in the curboard which should make me feel inadequate in any

After a five-day hearing an industrial tribunal delivered its verdict in her favour last week. British Gas was found guilty of "institutionalised discrimination" and the tribunal's chairman. Stella Hollis, added, "The tribunal are satisfied that the men were treated more favourably." They awarded Ms Williams £8,000 damages and ordered British Gas to reinstate her in her old job and pay her costs. The tribunal also recommended that a letter, written by the domestic marketing director, Barry Adams, after grievance procedures began, should be destroyed. "It appeared to the tribunal to be a very unkind and generalised attack on a person who has been a colleague and a friend in order to preserve other

colleagues," the ruling said. The humiliation of being demoted to a job Ms Williams had been doing eight years ago, "which is very much smaller than I am" was particularly demoralising for a woman who had previously been hailed by the company, which employs more than 70,000, as one



Vindicated: an industrial tribunal found British Gas guilty of "institutionalised discrimination" against Hilary Williams. She was awarded £8,000 damages

of its "top 700". (Five per cent of senior staff are women.) The final When she was sacked from a £45,000-a-year job with twist of the knife came, with neat British Gas, her boss said: "Thank God you are taking it timing, on her birthday (she as-sumed until she opened the letter that it would be a message of congratulations) and only two days after she took delivery of a new

£20,000 company car. Nothing about the way Ms Williams has been treated makes much sense. She was head-humed by British Gas nine years ago, marked as a high-filer, and sent on secondments as part of the company's career development plan. She

she was "as good as any man". The blow, therefore, was all the more stunning because it was so unexpected. "After privatisation British Gas did a restructuring exercise and I checked my new job description and decided there was no substantial change so, in line with the criteria laid down by the company I decided I was safe and need not apply for another job with the company. When I was told my job was going to be advertised I knew I was going to be got rid of."

Her three colleagues, all male, retained their positions. "I had to go through the process of being interviewed for my own job, and be turned down, it was the ultimate humiliation. I hated the interview.

like a man, even though you are the wrong shape." had to do it otherwise I would not have had any proof. They could have said I didn't bother to apply. Ms Williams, come up with questions such as, "An attractive woman like you, won't you be getting married soon?" or, "Will you be "I felt the reason I was being able to handle this position, it chucked out was my boss was not

able to cope with a strong, decisive, achieving woman. To him I was a totally alien thing. He is typical of his background and upbringing and I used to tease him that he was a northern male chauvinist. He is only mine days older than I am but he wasn't comfortable about working with a woman at this level. The other three managers reporting to him were men and I felt a little bit on the outside. Their families socialised together after work, I didn't get invited. tor of an NHS trust hospital. "When he suggested I go for a district general manager's job in Bath I told him there would be no

point because the operations direclike women. His response was, 'he's only frightened of you like I am ." A remark such as that may not be unusual in a company where an

involves accounts and women aren't good at numbers, are they?" ippens Ms Williams took A levels in pure and applied maths and physics at Bath High School, and originally read maths at univensity but graduated with a psychology degree. She is also a Master of Business Administration: was the first female assistant prison governor in the country, worked for Wiltshire's social services department and is a non-executive direc-

itting in her mews house on the outskirts of Bath, Ms Williams is surrounded by good luck cards and is ministering to a fluffy white stray cut with buttle-scarred ears that has adopted her. British Gas has, she says, made a "flurry of serior female appointments within the

last few weeks and I am absolutely delighted for the women con-cerned. Nonetheless, it does look a little bit like a knee jerk reaction. One of the appointments is Julie Mellor to the newly created posimpending hearing, Ms Williams

had also applied for.
"I made it quite clear it was a considered and serious application because it was not beyond the interpreted as frivolous, since I was taking the company to law on the sex discrimination act. I also made it quite clear British Gas could not bribe me by offering me the job in return for dropping the case and I was not offering to drop the case in return for the job. That made it clean and decent and honest. We would have had to resolve our dispute outside the legal process."

In the event, although she was shortlisted, she did not succeed,

and not, she feels, for any other

managed to get across how I would As far as she is concerned, there are no hard feelings. How British Gas feels about her she has no idea, because the only communication from the company hierarchy since the tribunal's decision has been a

phone call from the regional chairweek. Ms Williams is not due back at her desk until after Easter, and exactly which job she will return to is still not clear. She was aware that the act of taking a high-profile employer to court could make her a marked woman but that did not deter her. "I don't know if British Gas will freeze me out or if other potential employers might blacklist me but then I wouldn't want to work for those kind of people anyway. It is also possible my reputation will be enhanced by the moral stand I have taken."

what her duries would involve. "I-believe there is a great deal of concern within the company which

I think they need to explore. Women, particularly at junior level,

feel it is a difficult organisation to

succeed in but I don't think I

Ms Williams describes her victory as a landmark for career women. British Gas is one of the leading supporters of Opportunity 2000, but has anyone told them the

AND BRIEFLY

For lusty offspring

THE imagination of the mother operates most forcibly in the conception of the child. How much better, then, were it for women to lead contented lives, that so their imaginations may be pure and clear, that so that their conception may be well formed." A mother "ought to avoid all salt meats, garlick, leeks, onions and mustard. Excessive drinking of wine, strong beer or ale; for they trouble the child's body with choler. Cheese. both old and new, with melancholy; and all fish with flegm." And those who wish to become mothers should "Use not the act of copulation too often ... Satisty gluts the womb, and makes it unfit to do its offices ... " This and other occasionally pertinent advice for mothers-to-be is proffered in Culpeper's Book of Birth: a Seventeenth Century Guide to Having Lusty Children (Webb & Bower, £9.95), which is available from Culpeper shops around the country. It is edited by Ian Mitchell Thomas and all royalties go to Birthright.

Cellar selloff

TOMORROW the fine wines and champagnes from the private cel-lars of Robert Maxwell will be anctioned at Christie's. The bottles
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to realise between £60,000 and
£80,000 for Headington Holdings
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Roll up ...

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FIRST-TIME buyers may find that choosing a horse is as difficult as choosing a house. So Pet Plan. the pet and equestrian insurers. have set up an advice line (Freephone 0800 212 248) offering guidance on costs (of buying and keeping), stabling and how to avoid being saddled with a "lem-on". (Buy from someone in your area, or who is well-known, and see the horse ridden by his present owner before trying him out yourself. And always have an expert on hand for advice, such as your local equine veterinary surgeon.) Even if you don't buy a horse - or insure it with Pet Plan - the advice is free.

Bitter feelings can lie beneath the sugary surface of mother-daughter relationships

other's day may be a time for flowers and flattery, but for the rest of women and their mothers can be fraught with terribly unladylike

Some women, among them quite a few high achievers, go so far as to deny their mothers and identify with their fathers. The starting point for Leo Abse's controversial "psycho-biography" of Mrs Thatcher was her entry in Who's Who, proclaiming that she was "born 13 October 1925, daughter of the late Alfred Roberts" without any mention of her mother Beatrice, to whom the former prime minister is alleged to have commented she had nothing more to say after the age of 15. Other women who achieved suc-

cess in traditionally male fields from Queen Elizabeth I to the scientist Dr Mary Archer, the philosopher Lady Warnock and the mathematical prodigy Ruth Lawrence - all did so by identifying more strongly with a male parent. As Dr Archer put it, "I think rejection is too strong a word. But like many women who've been fortunate I have had a very supportive father." Psychiatrists' couches are filled

with women who believe their mothers to be at the root of all their evils. Maye Taylor, an analytical psychotherapist who works almost exclusively with women in Manchester and Birmingham, says, "The mother-daughter rela-tionship is the central one in women's lives and underlies the majority of other relationships. Often you see a deep-seated rivalry which is tragic. Many women who are mothers of teenaged girls today can make her own choices there's seem to envy their freedom - and no great need for fighting," she the relationship the girl has got

When mother's had her day

with her father — and there is quite a lot of envy."

Some degree of disagreement with her mother is essential for a woman's independent development, Ms Taylor says. "In order to separate from the mother she needs a point where she's not getting on because she's going to have to reject some of her mother's values in order to get on with her own. It's a natural stage although it feels horrible and both mother and daughter hate it. But unless there isthat separation you're going to get an unhealthy fusion. I've given my own daughter permission to shoot me if I exhibit certain characteristics of my own mother!"

The period of separation usually comes at the daughter's puberty. "If the mother handles it well the tensions should start easing by the time the daughter is about 16." Ms Taylor says. Handling it well means not laying down too many rules and instructions about things that do not matter (such as clothes) but laying down rules where they

are important. Dr Nini Herman, a psychotherapist and the author of Too Long a Child: The Mother/Daughter Dyad, is less certain than Ms Taylor that a period of conflict is necessary between a daughter and her mother. "Where from the very beginning a mother takes it as a matter of course that a daughter says. "There is no need to reject

and as things move on and it is taken for granted that mothers and daughters must both find their own fulfilment it should become increasingly easier — with less guilt on the part of the daughter and less

rage on the part of the mother." Dysfunctional mother/daughter relationships begin, Dr Herman is convinced, at birth. Child therapists at the Tavistock Clinic in London, a leading family therapy centre, now do "baby observation" as part of their training - visiting a mother and baby weekly for two years, she says. "It is wonderful to watch a relationship laying down its seed

But instant bonding with a female baby is not essential. "If things don't go horribly wrong you can make it up later — and some mothers may only begin to get interested in a child when it is older." Dr Herman says.

Professor Valerie Walkerdine, a professor of psychology at Goldsmith's College, University of London, did a long-term study observing the relationships of mothers and their four-year-old daughters - following them up again when the children were aged 10. "We disproved feminist accounts of the mother/daughter relationships which talk, in some instances, as if they were a little Garden of Eden where violence and violent feelings only come in when the father enters," she says. "We were trying to point out that

tween girls and their mothers and that the relationships are often difficult, and we felt that it was important for women to understand and recognise their own violent and angry feelings."

Surprisingly, Professor

Surprisingly, Professor Walkerdine discovered that some of the girls who had very good relationships with their mothers did quite poorly at school and a lot who had bad relationships did well. "One girl particularly had a really close and playful relationship with her mother but displayed infantile behaviour at school," she says. "My hunch was that her relationship with her mother was so close that she found it hard to go into a classroom where she wasn't her mother's dever girl. And in other work I've done I've found that the girls who really do well are those who can be quite bolshy with their mums - and their mums with

he psychiatrist Dr Robin Skynner is hesitant about apportioning blame on either side for mother/daughter difficulties. "It's more that if a mother has grown up with good mothering herself and has grown up to feel good about herself then things are more likely to go well with her daughter," he says. "We often perpetuate the cycle by trying too hard not to perpetuate it: you have a mother who is too intensely invested in the child so the child feels smothered, and when she grows up she may repeat that pattern or react the other way - pushing her daughter away, almost. That daughter grows up feeling de-prived, and when she has a child she may zoom in and feel she's going to give it what she lacks and the process starts over again."



Relatively valued: Meryl Streep and screen mother Shirley MacLaine in Postcards from the Edge

Victoria Secunda, the American author of When You and Your Mother Can't be Friends believes that no two generations in history have had less in common than the current one of women and their mothers of 50-plus. "The mothers were raised to define themselves in

terms of their maternal priorities

while their daughters were raised ship," she says. Her own daughter. now 24, became anorexic in her roll," Ms Secunda says. "So the mother either denigrates the daughter or is dominated by her." Ms Secunda, at 52, has not yet resolved her relationship with her own mother: "My mother and I had a very problematic relation-

teens as a result, Ms Secunda feels. of not being able to establish her own identity. "Now." Ms Secunda says, "my goal as her mother is to enable her to live without me."

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Any sex so long as it's female

In Maidstone all four main parliamentary candidates are women: does sex make a difference? Alice Thomson reports on the flavour of an allfemale campaign







Female rivals: Anne Logan (Labour), Paula Yates (Lib Dem) and Ann Widdecombe (Conservative)

hlle women else-where in Britain are still struggling to clamber to the top of the career pyramid, in Maidstone they are already nearing the summit. Women, it seems, are a highly-valued commodity in this Kentish heartland. The mayor is a woman, the deputy mayor is a woman, most of the senior borough councillors are women and now, in a parliamentary first, all three main parties as well as the Greens have women candidates.

The seat has been held by the formidable Ann Widdecombe, under-secretary of state at the social security department, who has developed a reputation as a doughty fighter during her four years at Westminster. Miss Widdecombe, one of the first women to be promoted by John Major, had a healthy majority of 10,000 at the last election. Her rivals are no less daunting: Liberal Democrat Paula Yates; a former leader of Maidstone borough council: Labour's Anne Logan, a senior history lecturer at mid-Kent college; and the Greens' Penny Kemp, a former co-chair of the

party.

Over the next two weeks a record. number of women (335 of the 1,950 candidates fielded by the three main parties) will vie for seats at Westminster. Raising the profile of women has become an issue for all the main parties, stung by increasing criticism of male domination in British politics. In 1979 there were just 19 female MPs: since then this has increased to the recent high of 44 (just under 7 per cent of the total). This election could produce another

With so few women in politics it seems a pity that they are fighting each other rather than standing in different constituencies, but Eve-lyn Knowles, chair of the all-party 300 Group, whose aim is to see 300 women at Westminster, is delighted by the prospect. "I think it is very encouraging that they have all been selected," she says. "It will be interesting to see how different the campaign is from an all-male contest. It is quite possible that the women will be just as nasty as the men."

On the first day of the campaign Mrs Yates was handing out Liberal Democrat leaflets in a

canary yellow sweatshirt and squeaky new trainers at a local shopping precinct. A mother of four and already a grandmother at 43, she feels quite at home wielding a shopping trolley, discussing inflation in terms of baked beans and kissing babies who gurgle happily back at her. "I am a housewife. I have never

been gainfully employed and I feel that is a great advantage," she says. "I have time to notice how normal people have been affected by mortgages, food prices and health care."

Mrs Yates's political shopping list includes state-funded nurseries three-year-olds. subsidised childcare, better, education and

training and better housing facilities for the young. ... She puts the blame on Margaret Thatcher for the dearth of women in Par-liament. "She showed women they could succeed but only if they beat the men at their own game. Many women have

low self-esteem and she made them feel that if they were not as ruthless as her, they would never succeed.

"The result is that many talented and able women avoid polities and that is a shame because they could do a lot to help other women."

She stops to talk to Alan Walson. a garage owner, his wife and their baby. Mr Walson thinks it's a bit of a laugh having only women. "As long as they don't start telling us what to do with our football team, I'm all for a bit of feminine charm. Of course we like women down here. Don't know what their husbands will say though. I always

Mrs Yates's husband is notably absent on the campaign trail. As a senior local-government official he is prohibited from canvassing but has taken over the housework at home. "We haven't discussed what we will do if I become an MP. The hours are terribly long and in-convenient. My husband would probably have to work half-time;

but he'd love being a kept man." Further down the street, Ms Kemp is sitting in the beer garden of the Druids Arms holding a conference with her Green party supporters. Draped in layers of green and brown cardigans and with brightly-bennaed hair, Ms Kemp looks appropriately treelike. Ms Kemp is a writer (Europe's Green Alternative) with two grown-up children. She is a widow, aged 42, and says there is no time for any men in her life while the planet is going down the drain. She practises what she

preaches, being an avid vegetarian, recycling all her waste and growing organic vegetables.

Ms Kemp used to be a driving 'Once you instructor and still owns a car, but nevertheless bebecome an MP you are future lies with public transport.
"I want to get the more likely

message across that global warm-ing is a reality. to be noticed Take Maidstone, it as a woman' has the third worst air pollution in the ANN WIDDECOMBE country and it is being stifled by the ring road that runs around it. We need to get people out of their cars and into cheap

and effective public transport." Ms Kemp wants a different way of measuring the quality of life and thinks that many women will support her. "Men think in terms of booms and recessions, and melodramatic changes. Women just want stability." she says.

"I would like to introduce a basic income scheme for everyone. That will give the unemployed, single mothers, housewives and the homeless a basic income. We have budgeted it and it could

A researcher at the House of Commons for Dafydd Elis Thomas, a Plaid Cymru MP. Ms Kemp believes that Westminster is still a bastion of male chauvinism. The whole system is geared to competition and aggression. Sexual harassment and bullying run rife. Men that want to show the gentle side of their nature feel inhibited," she says.

The candidates agreed to be photographed together after in-

tense pressure and charm from the photographer. This was their first encounter and they would not have to meet again until the week of the election. Ms Kemp offered to blow up Miss Widdecombe's campaign balloon and Mrs Yates helped Mrs Logan pin on her rosette. Miss Widdecombe was a bit baffled by this sisterhood and kept her distance but even she was smiling. The others did the cancan. Privately they all expressed reservations about each other, publicly they acted like bosom

Miss Widdecombe left to press on with her campaigning, and chose a cul-de-sac containing a large proportion of fierce dogs and Labour supporters. Miss Widdecombe was unruffled, even when she had a door slammed in

he other candidates had told me that she was "worse than Margaret Thatcher" — a man in women's tweeds - but she seemed to have plenty of feminine charm. She handed balloons to Labour supporters children, was bullish on Conservative proposals for the NHS and seemed genuinely con-cerned about a constituent's alling

The daughter of a former director general at the defence ministry, she is a no-nonsense and straight forward person, steering a straight course and sticking doggedly to her doctrines. She is 44 and has never married and she doesn't think that mothers make good MPs. There is a conflict between family and Parliament. MPs are better suited to cellbacy," she says. laughing.
But she doesn't want the hours

changed. "I am in London all week and in the constituency at weekends, I used to horseride but I have given up all my hobbies. This is a full-time job and so it should

Feminists' hackles may rise at Miss Widdecombe's stance, while she in turn shudders at the word feminism. She is keenly "pro-life" and is a leading campaigner on abortion issues. She also believes that mothers should stay at home when their children are young. "I don't regard myself as a woman MP in the same way that I

don't regard myself as a short and

a woman."

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Penny Kemp, Green candidate: "The whole system is geared to competition and aggression

people, not women," she says.

She does feel that women have a tough time in politics. "Being female is a hindrance to getting selected. Women, particularly older ones, just won't vote for other women as their candidate. They want a nice, eligible bachelor, that's the trouble. Once you become an MP you are more likely to against men in debates." be noticed as a woman so it becomes beneficial," she says, but adds that she disapproves of positive discrimination. "I would hate to think I was only going to

Tow tall is too tall for a

two or three inches.

The canvassing ended with a Tory tea, attended by 30 women and one man, Robert Hooker, a

get into the cabinet because I was

women seem to care just as much as men about the economy, unemployment and the health service and they really know their facts. But they also care about the environment, the elderly and local issues," he says. "The only dis-advantage I can see is that they can't always hold their own

Mrs Logan, the youngest can-didate at 34, is precisely the sort of woman that Miss Widdecombe does not approve of: a working mother with a toddler. While we go out canvassing in the evening, her husband is left looking after

their daughter.
"I will be a parliamentary widower," Mr Logan says. "I don't

Some mothers are having their daughters shrunk

Cut down in size

hope my daughter will be too."

Mrs Logan wants more children and if elected will fight for better

parental leave and childcare support. "Fair pay and flexible working hours are all essential to help women and men combine caring for a family with earning a living, she says. "I enjoy the political world. 1

have no trouble in matching the men and making speeches. I beat three men to get the nomination." In the uncertain world of elec-tion forecasting Maidstone is one place where one accusation cannot be made: after April 9, the constituency's MP will be a woman and nobody will be able to say she got

in on the woman's vote.

Blame it on biology

Women behaving badly may be suffering PMT or may simply be angry: who can tell the difference?

xecutives at the elec-tronics giant Fujitsu are unlikely to be split-who had made more than 40 ting their sides at a recent joke about premenstrual ten-sion (PMT): Why does it take two women with PMT to change a light bulb? BECAUSE IT JUST DOES, ALL RIGHT!

Last week the company had to pay out nearly £1,000 after an industrial tribunal found that a woman employee who had been sacked for hitting her boss during a bout of PMT had been unfairly dismissed.

In offices elsewhere reactions to the gag may reflect both a mixture of relief that a once taboo subject can be laughed about and a fear that we are in danger of going OTT about PMT, using it as a scatter gun excuse for every shortcoming or upset in working life.

Dr Katharina Dalton, the gynaecologist and endocrinologist whose pioneering work on the syndrome has made medical and legal history, turns down at least as many cases to plead in mitigation as she accepts. "I get angered by bandwagon jumpers. It is a great shame because the genuine cases deserve every consideration and thoughtfulness. They can be heartbreaking."

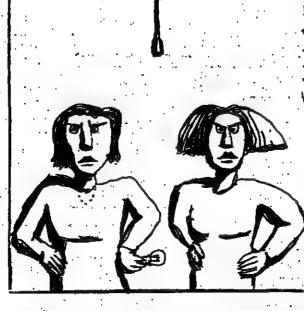
Extreme near-psychotic nomenon such as those suffered by Anna Reynolds who

who had made more than 40 suicide attempts by the age of 17, are fortunately rare. Lesser symptoms however, such as ill-temper, mood swings or depression are common: Dr Dalton estimates that nearly a third of all women will suffer effects severe enough to merit time off work or consultation with a doctor. Part of the difficulty in

establishing the syndrome's bona fides is that as with back ache or fatigue it is almost impossible to measure physiologically. There is one test which measures the level of a substance called sex hormone binding globulin in the blood (a low level is an indicator) but since this cannot be done if there has been any medication, even a vitamin tablet, in the previous week or if the patient is obese, unduly hairy or affected by thyroid or liver problems, its use is limited.

There are however, Dr Dalton says. "diagnostic pointers". The syndrome must be once a month for at least three months and there must be witnesses to its effects. The other thing is that the woman must be absolutely normal for the rest of the month.

"The incident or crime has to be committed alone. So it won't wash for there to be three male bank robbers and one female, though I have had that tried on me. By and large there should be no



motive. When such women shoplift, for example, they might steal infant-ski clothes though they are neither skiers." nor mothers."

Even where the authenticity of menstrual problems is not in doubt, the victim must still address the practical dilemma of how public she wants them made: privacy and special consideration are. mutually exclusive.

oreover, the debate raises the question **IV** ■ of whether the workplace should accommodate itself to the special needs of women or whether women should accommodate themselves to the demands of the workplace. A generation of women who have sobbed in the loo in order to maintain a stiff upper lip outside can feel embarrassed, even betrayed. by others who demand "give me a break, I'm getting my

period". at John Nicholson Associates, month'," Ms Dixon says.

a human resources consultancy, who is riting a book on working relationships between men and women says: "Abc" ialf the women I have spoken to believe the menstrual cycle should not have any effect. They believe that if you are well enough to go to work, you are well enough to ignore any physical or psy-chological consequences. Other women say it is a secret they would share with female

colleagues but not with men." Men are in a curious position nowadays. Many are more mindful of menstrual difficulties - even the land-lord of the Rovers Return in Coronation Street was recently heard to tell his barmaid he was "not unaware of women's problems" - but they might also be more reluctant to mention them. "In the old days women in the workplace could be treated like wives and a boss might even mark his calendar with Pat Dixon, a psychologist his secretary's 'time of the

"The problem now for men is whether they should even acknowledge it because it marks one sex out from the other. Then there are menwho want to treat women according to their needs, but are not sure if that is what women want. They feel it is all rather dangerous ground."

Similarly women who do not suffer PMT find it galling for every outburst or bad mood to be attributed, even if only by a knowing looking, to the syndrome: blaming it on biology robs them of the freedom to be angry or an-

noyed for good reason.
Inevitably every mention of PMT will provide men with ammunition about female instability and unreliability. To this Dr Dalton retorts that far more alcoholics and criminals are men than are women. "If you want a decent, sober, hard-working employee you should pick a woman every time. PMT should not be used against women but perhaps it should help us be more flexible both as work and at home. Men and children can suffer from a woman's moods sometimes as much as she does."

Dr Dalton's latest work suggests that symptoms are closely linked to an intermittent lack of starchy foods which in turn affects blood sugar levels and that the most effective treatment may simply involve eating properly.

David Holton who with his wife Wendy helps run the advice and information service PMS Help thinks

chairman of the Child Growth Foundation, believes the impetus comes mainly women should take responsi-bility for getting help. "If it is treated it should not disqualifrom the mothers, rather than the children. "Unless there is great height abnormality, we find that usually fy anyone from any sort of work, but if it is left untreated children don't mind being then frankly I think it is a tall," he says. "Often, the mothers are taller than averdisqualification from anyage, and remember how they thing which would be adversely affected by violent felt when they seemed to be giants in their school." fluctuations in mood or sud-Six months ago, Philip Heinricy, himself six foot den flare ups, most higher jobs in fact." eight, started the Tall Per-

sons' Club in Britain. He now

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Model height: Jerry Hall has more than 1,000 members, many of them women of six foot or more.

"It's still the case that a short man with a tall wife is (081-995 0257). pcreived as being hen-

very tall people get tired of everybody they meet com-menting on their height. Over the years, we've heard them all ad nauseam." The idea that tall women

are automatically very selfconfident is a myth, he says. "Some very tall women such as Janet Street-Porter and Germaine Greer are excep-tional intelligent people who are not afraid to open their mouths. But if you're just an ordinary girl trying to make a living as a secretary in the suburbs and you're six foot two, then life can be very difficult indeed."

Hormone treatment to reduce height was first introduced in 1946 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and has been controversial ever since.

Michael Preece, a professor of child health and growth at the Institute of Child Health says: "The Norwegians have always sworn by oestrogen treatment, but in our experience it's very unsatisfactory and doesn't even guarantee results. Treatment for tall boys is even less satisfactory."

A treatment to treat tall stature using the anti-growth hormone somatostatin is being trialed at several hospitals in the UK. It works by suppressing the body's secretion of growth hormone and is given by injection. Like the hormone therapy, it has to be given before puberty.

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Election in search of news

The manipulation of the medium, not the message, could leave voters up in the air

French philosopher Jean Baudrillard wrote an essay entitled The Gulf War Has Not Taken Place. So much for French philosophers, you might say. Well yes, but this is not so stupid an idea as it might seem. Baudrillard's argument, broadly, was that faced with such a babble of mediagenerated information it was impossible to truly "know" if a war had taken place, or whether a simulation, on the television screens and newspaper pages of the world, had been played out.

Fanciful? Yes, but the ideas underlying this theory have value at this election, the first truly postmodern one where as much interest - If not more - is gleaned from the medium and how it is used as the message and what it means. Everybody is monitoring this election, but what is it?

We have been bombarded with an election babble unlike any before: the media has created 38 per cent of all election stories, according to a Loughborough University analysis in The Guardian. This navel-gazing does not solely happen on TV. Newspapers monitor each other, and overtly politicised ones are praised for the ingenuity of their interpretations of facts, and, in one case, for delaying the scoop

of the year for a day in order to hammer the Labour budget. The myriad polls reflect no

consensus. Major John summed nicely on Saturday when asked by the BBC to respond to two polls that would appear in the Sunday press. "There aren't,

there are five," he said, hence he felt no need to respond, as they were, he later told Brian Walden. 'all over the place".

In an era when the media has wised-up to photo opportunities and the electorate can spot a sound bite blindfold at 1,000 yards; where politicians are so well-trained in the guerrilla art of the "studio debate" that anything other than a goalless draw is almost impossible to achieve, there are precious few opportunities for voters to grasp at the truth.
Only in the single, head to head

interview can the politicians be got at. revealed unencumbered by packaging, 20-second philos-ophies and cheering supporters. In his book, Our Masters' Volces. Max Atkinson lists three main rhetorical strategies which elicit applause for politicians. These are clapitap, "a trick, device or language designed to catch applause". Oxford English Dictionary: the three-point list, "they have an air of unity or completeness about them", Atkinson says; and, finally, the "contrastive pairs" or antitheses, with their

n March 29 last year the considerable advantages both for projecting a completion point and delivering a punchline.

In three recent examples: Sir Robin Day's interview with Paddy Ashdown, Brian Walden's encounter with the prime minister and Jonathan Dimbleby's with John Smith, these tricks of rhetoric were apparent. Sir Robin showed that he, too, is

infected with election babble. He began by asking Mr Ashdown if the Liberal Democrats could win, and followed by saying: "Nobody thinks you'll be able to do it." He wasted the first five minutes of a 25-minute interview on media-driven speculation. "I hear . . . an informal understanding exists with the Labour party," he said. But Mr Ashdown had learnt his claptrap, too: "You hear wrong," he said after a long pause. Mr Ashdown emerged, rhetorically at least a winner. least, a winner.

Mr Walden's approach is the closest to classic forms of debate. As with his famous post-Lawson resignation interview with Mrs Thatcher, he started the long questions early with Mr Major this Sunday. A question including a thesis took one minute. 18 seconds to deliver. In a culture used to the quick fire knockabout of Newsnight or Channel 4 News. it was almost bor-

But Mr Walden Only in the tempers his lengthy, finely at-tuned questions with terrier inter-ruptions. When Mr Major tells him single interview can the he is "too black and white", he asks for politicians the "grey" answers. But Mr Major does not bite. Even be got at when Mr Walden

patronises: "I will briefly restate the question," Mr Major keeps calm. He uses some contrastive pairs, but few three-point lists — for all the talk of Mr Kinnock's verbosity, Mr Major has trouble marshalling facts, too. For all the minutiae of the spat.

not one newsworthy fact emerges.
Just look at Monday morning's front pages, which concentrated on the return of Mrs Thatcher.

So what is the answer, if even our best interviewers seem to be overwhelmed? The BBC's On the Record featured Jonathan Dimbleby interviewing John Smith. It was less demote than Walden, with Mr Dimbleby asking quiet but searching questions, quoting union leader's views which seemed to contradict Mr Smith's.

But Mr Smith played straight bat without rhetoric, just simple answers. The news item from the programme that made the papers was a poll which followed it. Although there can be no doubt that the election is taking place, it

is far less easy to say just what



Pressing on: Neil Kinnock, right, watched by Nigel Williamson, centre, meets tomorrow's voters on the last election campaign trail

Campaign on a knife's edge

s the nation was going to the polls to vote Mrs Thatcher back into Downing Street on June 11, 1987. I was enjoying a leisurely breakfast in the tuny Welsh terrace house that is Neil Kinnock's constituency home.

The sun poured into the Pontllanfraith two-up two-down. At the end of a long and doomed campaign, the mood among the Labour leader's entourage was surprisingly sunny. Mr Kinnock himself, although he looked weary, seemed relaxed. In less than 24 hours he knew he would be going back to his London home in Ealing and the familiar problems

of Opposition.

Over breakfast we joked about the fact that most of the leader's dozen closest aides were disenfranchised. In Wales for polling day, almost every one of us had forgotten to apply for a postal vote in our London constituencies. many of them highly marginal. Until the phone call from Vin-

cent Hanna, the BBC presenter who fronted Newsnight's famously accurate exit polls, our oversight had scarcely seemed important.

I had been asked by Mr Kinnock to join Patricia Hewitt and Hilary Coffman to make up a team of three press officers to shepherd the 50-strong press corps which dogged the Labour leader on his whirlwind tour around the country. For more than three weeks I had spent up to 18 hours a day with the man who would be prime minister. On that election day morning,

Mr Hanna was encouraging. I think it was Charles Clarke, Mr Kinnock's chief aide, who answered the phone, Kinnock was soon talking animatedly to the BBC man. Mr Hanna did not tell Mr Kinnock he could win, but certainly suggested that the Tory lead might be far smaller than predicted.

in the face of the scale of the ROBIN HUNT defeat, this late rallying of false

Nigel Williamson recalls his finest hour after weeks of wining and dining the press for Neil Kinnock during the 1987 election

hopes was perhaps the cruellest blow of all. As I sat later that night with Neil and Glenys Kinnock at the back of the hall where the Islwyn count was being conducted, we cursed Newsnight for its the exit poll which had predicted a Tory lead of only 5 per cent lead almost as roundly as we cursed the victorious Tories.

Yet, despite the extent of Labour's humiliation, Mr Kinnock bore defeat with dignity. My task on the campaign team

had been a simple but enjoyable one. I spent half my time with Mr Kinnock, and the rest fraternising with the press, on the Kinnock and Pat Hewitt, his chief press secretary. Two weeks after polling. Mr Kinnock wrote to thank me: "... I am particularly grateful for the efforts which you made

to prevent the wolves from eing too ravening."
My efforts had, indeed, considerable. I had, with relish, eaten my way through the most expensive menus and swilled champagne on journalists' expense accounts. It was a vital

job, because Mr Kinnock himself stayed mainly aloof. Alistair Campbell of the Mirror was very much part of the leader's inner circle and The Independent and The Guardian occasionally enjoyed private briefings. The rest scarcely saw him. Ms Hewitt, too, spent as little time with the "reptiles", her name

for the press, as possible. But Hilary Coffman, a charming. highly professional press officer, had a sense of fun which went

down well The "eat drink and be merry" approach worked, never more so than when Mr Kinnock made a

politically sensitive trip to Liver-pool. It had been kept quiet from the press and from most of the local party on Merseyside, still in the grip of Militants. Ms Hewitt and Ms Coffman both went sick on the morning we were due to fly to the land of Derek Hatton. leaving me to cope with 50 journalists on potentially the most explosive trip of the tour.

My technique was crude, but effective. I appealed to barroom companionship. The journalists under-wrote the story. The worst even *The Sun* could do was to

Alton, the local Liberal Democrat. It was, perhaps, my finest hour in three weeks of dedicated eating and drinking for Mr Kinnock. But if the Labour leader was suspicious about mixing with the journalists, Glenys Kinnock had no such inhibitions. The days when she and Nita Clarke, her press officer, joined the touring

circus were invariably the most fun. Ms Clarke insisted on calling the travelling press party her "bunnies". They loved her for it, and she should have been guaranteed a senior role in Mr Kinnock's new model party for years to come. But, she had worked for Ken Livingstone. Then she had married Tony Benn's oldest son.

With Ms Clarke's encouragement, however, Glenys Kinnock

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mixed freely with the press, and was glad of their company while she kept out of her husband's way during his notoriously tortuous speech-writing sessions. On one famous occasion, we arrived at a Darlington hotel with four hours to kill before that evening's rally. It also happened to be the birthday of Mike Cassell, of The Financial Times. Mr Kinnock disappeared to work on his speech. Downstairs, the champagne flowed and by 6pm Mrs Kinnock was sitting under a table assisting at least two

journalists who were the worse for wear to place calls to their London offices on a mobile phone. No photographer there dreamt of capturing the

scene for their papers.

Mr Kinnock's relations with the press were more difficult. In his younger days he had been a regular in the press bar at the House of Commons, freely trading jokes with journalists. No doubt he was

cultivating influential re-porters, but he also seemed genuinely to enjoy the company. Over the years, however, he had grown increasingly wary of journalists. surely more to his own disadvan-

tage than to that of the press lobby.
Two incidents stand out as regards Mr Kinnock's relations with the press. The first occurred during a trip to the West Midlands when I told him that Jon Smith, the Press Association reporter, had filed a report accusing the Labour leader of backing Mili-tant. All Mr Kinnock had said was that he supported all Labour candidates in the region - which included Dave Nellist.

Mr Kinnock was furious. I was quietly taken on one side by Charles Clarke and told: "We try not to tell him things like that."

when Mr Kinnock turned or Smith at a press conference and answered a question by declaring angrily. "Don't patronise me, son-ny". Smith's colleagues gleefully filed stories about the notorious Kinnock temper.

The second time a journalist's comment got under the Kinnock skin was more private. The early part of each day was usually spent on "Red Rose One", the battered old Britannia which flew the leader and his entourage around the country. It was a useful opportunity to plan the day, and read the papers.

One morning Mr Kinnock was reading John Grigg's column in this newspaper when he suddenly screwed the paper into a ball and threw it in disgust on to the floor. The phrase that had provoked the outburst? Grigg had called the Labour leader an "intellectual pygmy" in comparison with some of his predecessors. Despite such flashes of temper,

my proximity to the Labour leader did not lead me to believe he was unfit to govern. There were gaffes - particularly over defence in the David Frost interview, and the confusion over taxation. But Mr Kinnock showed a tremendous ability to absorb pressure.

His political instincts are finely tuned. Five years ago I repeatedly heard him tell anyone who would listen that if the Tories won the poll tax would dominate the next Parliament. He even predicted that it would destroy Mrs Thatcher. The rest is history.

Yet, above all, he showed himself to be an ordinary man. He is now pitted against an opponent who also prides himself on his or-dinariness. If Chris Patten and his cohorts in Tory Central Office still believe that Mr Kinnock's personality is Labour's Achilles heel. those on the last campaign trail saw enough to suspect that they may well have made a serious; misjudgment.

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et me make it clear detailed though the reporting has been, I passed between Charles Anson, the Queen's press secretary, and Paul Reynolds, the BBC's diplomatic and court correspondent, last Thursday. Nor

does anyone else. I am aware of the hypocritical hulla-baloo which erupted following their talk after the announcement of the curious breakdown of the Duke and Duchess of York's marriage. I know Mr Anson and Mr Reynolds and I am familiar with the rules that govern the conduct of relations between then — press officer and journalist. They are the same at both ends of the Mail.

So let us start with the rules. There are three governing the transmission of information to journalists.

1: On the record. Any information given and remarks made can be quoted and attributed by the informant.

Confusion reins at the Palace

the lobby system: here the information imparted can be freely used but the source must not be disclosed. Hence the description of me in No 10 in the 1980s "sources close to the prime

3. Off the record. Under this rule. devised in a more honourable age of journalism, nothing may be imparted or broadcast. It is extremely risky, to say the least, to give any journalist anything you do not wish to be made public. And fastidious journalists refuse to receive anything off the record, for their hands anything to the care. would be tied if they got the same information elsewhere.

There is nothing complicated about these rules. The problem lies in the way.

pret them. My understanding is that Charles Anson believed he was having a background, off-the-record chat with Mr Reynolds. Mr Reynolds clearly treated it as an unattributable occasion,

demonstrating that there is unattributable and on the record when you identify the source establishment where the informant works. Given the forensic zeal

which journalists bring these days to identify who said what to whom, it is only a matter of hours before the informant is identified, exhibited in

the mikemen and pikemen and left professionally for dead — only to rise again on the third day when another WATCH Bernard diversion occurs. I have been Ingham shot so many times that John Biffen's "sewer" — as he charmingly described me — is lead-lined.

This brings me to Mr Anson. He is a personal friend. He was a very eff-ective member of my press office in Mrs Thatcher's more upright and decent than Charles

Knowing him for the professional he

is, my guess is that he rehearsed the Duchess's manifest difficulties in adapting to the royal fishbowl. It would have been surprising had he not indicated some pain in royal circles over her reported behaviour and the breakup of another royal marriage. Otherwise he would not have been credible.

Nor would he have been human had he failed to speculate on the source of the leak to the Daily Mail which made the election seem more than unusually I often told successive Palace press

secretaries that, paradoxically, they had to handle the really rough trade. Which brings me to Mr Reynolds who, paraloxically again, is anything but that. He is immensely experienced. He flew several missions with Mrs Thatcher abroad and helpfully inter-viewed me after a young soldier sunk his rifle butt in my ample tum in Kano. But he has more than a touch of arrogance and superiority, which was shown to advantage when I thanked him for tipping me off about a story his inventive colleagues were concocting after a briefing of mine in Switzerland. Perish the thought, he indicated disdainfully, that he might have been interest to the control of the con instrumental in helping me!

So what conclusion do I draw? Well, Mr Anson was either altogether too trusting, or there was genuine confu-sion over the interview terms, or he was badly let down. If I had been at the heart of a similar shindig, the BBC would by now be looking for another court correspondent. But then I am not an officer and a gentleman like Mr Anson. Sir Bernard Ingham was Mrs Thatcher's

Auntie goes into the risk business

The head of BBC Television has launched an adventurous five-year plan to put the Corporation back onto the high

attle plans to win the hearts and minds of television viewers have been drawn up by a BBC determined to justify its licence fee as commercial competitors threaten more alarming advances in the ratings war.

With morale of programme makers at its lowest ebb, the managing director of BBC Television has issued a rallying call to his troops, exhorting them to retake the high ground of broadcasting with the type of fearless risk-taking that long ago earned the Corporation its global reput-

ation for innovation and quality.
Will Wyan's five-year plan will banish repeats, American series and big-prize game shows from peaktime BBC schedules. Instead, viewers will be treated to an extra 130 hours of original drama plus 50 more hours of new cornedy each year, starting this autumn. New light entertainment formats, subtly more upmarket than those of ITV, will also "earth the audience's imagination".

Consistent with the usual lofty pronouncements issued from the offices of BBC executives, programme-makers have been told they must "aspire to excellence", be prepared to do "difficult things. big things to change public perception about what television can achieve" and put BBC Television in the lead with quality and

innovation". Mr Wyatt's initiative follows last autumn's collapse in the popularity of BBCI. Ratings fell to their lowest level in years to languish at around 33-34 per cent, a full 10 points behind ITV. Expensive new dramas, such as Trainer and Specials, were outsurned by ITV's Ruth Rendell Mysteries, London's Burning, Prime Suspect and The Bill, while audiences deserted stale stand-bys like Wogan and That's Life. Replacements for retired old hits like Howard's Way, All Creatures Great and Small and Bergerac failed to come through. More often than not, eight of the top ten rated programmes each week are

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the expiry of its royal charter in 1996, the BBC now faces its biggest challenge. Executives are trying to reconcile the apparently irreconcilable; being all things to all viewers while at the same time offering audiences something their commercial rivals do not

On this conundrum, Mr Wyatt is wholly predictable: "BBC Television must serve all purposes to the whole public as a mainstream: public service broadcaster." The



Will Wyatt: at the cutting edge Corporation cannot risk being marginalised as merely a provider of esoteric, eccentric programmes no one else wants to broadcast and few want to watch.

Free-marketeers, indeed the Home Secretary Kenneth Baker, may criticise the BBC for being "omni-competitive", but Mr Wy att knows that unless the over-whelming majority of Britons watch BBC1 and BBC2 each week, the government of the day will reduce, or replace, the licence

fee. "We have to provide some-thing for everyone," he says: While Mr Wyatt is adamant that the BBC should not lose its common touch, he betrays a willingness to position BBC1 slightly more up-market than ITV. We want programmes to reflect the right values. Tacky relationship games, for instance, just don't

ground. Will it work? Melinda Wittstock investigates threat as politicians ponder a fit easily with the BBC's purpose, shake up of the Corporation before Jonathan Powell [the BBC1 con-Jonathan Powell [the BBC1 con-troller] tried out Old Plames, but it just didn't look right on the BBC. Central has now picked it up," he says. Old Flames, a raunchier version of Blind Date, attracted an audience of six million when

"We do want to provide a lot of highly-watched programmes, but we are not going to do it by mimicking every format our competitors come up with," he says. Staff are being told that quality must never be sacrificed in the quest for high ratings, although capturing a large audience need not be a testament to lack of quality. Mr Wyatt offers Noel's House Party, with audiences of 12.7 million, as an example of

usic and arts pro-

gramming must to ap peal to a wider Both channels have been called on to provide more coverage of the mainstream and the classical in order to correct a disproportionate. number of shows for a minority of trendy viewers. "We put design on the agenda, but we must now ensure that the whole of Britain's cultural heritage is regularly covered," Wyatt says. New composers, artists, choreographers, filmmakers and poets have meanwhile been commissioned to come new works for BBC2 this spring in Commissions and Collaborations, an effort to keep the BBC "at the cutting edge of cultural

Although repeats will no longer be used to "plug gaps in the schedule", Mr Wyatt plans inventive use of archive drama' and. comedy material. "Lime Grove Day was an innovative way of getting some value out of our archives," he says. Indeed the popularity of repeats in Channel 4's TV Heaven on Saturday nights has led Alan Yentob, controller of BBC2, to answer back this spring with TV Hell, a light-hearted look at some of the most notorious television turkeys.



Bafta comedy award winners: Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie star in One Foot In the Grave

With ITV destabilised by last October's widely-criticised blindbid auction, the BBC is better placed than it might have been to catch up in the ratings battle. BBC1 already shows some signs of turning the tables on ITV with revitalised weekend peak schedules. One Foot In the Grave, which won the Bafta best comedy award on Sunday night, as well as Noel's House Party, So Haunt Me, Lovejoy and Mastermind, have conspired to push ITV's share down to its lowest in well over a year - 39.5 per cent against

BBCI's 35.4 per cent. This: autumn, BBC1 will be pinning its hopes on Little England. a new thrice-weekly soar about expats in the Costa del Sol, which is to replace Wogan.

and competitiveness of new channels increases, the BBC has opted to measure its performance by the number of people it reaches at some point each week. Only a year ago, Jonathan Powell was quoted saying that ratings of 37-40 per cent were a "proper share," but Mr Wyatt will not now be drawn on new bottom line audience

numbers. From this autumn, he will be ontent as long as BBC1 and BBC2 continue to be watched for a minimum of two hours each week in at least 90 per cent of television households. By this measurement, both channels are attracting as many viewers this year as last, but people are watching 30 minutes less each week.

.The common wisdom through out the industry, however, is that decline in ratings as the number the BBC will have a difficult time

persuading politicians to keep the licence fee if audience reach falls much below 90 per cent or if BBC1's average weekly ratings drop below 25 per cent. But for the Corporation, which has freed an extra £60 million each year to revitalise BBC1's drama and comedy output, such a domesday scenario, while a real worry, seems unlikely to transpire before 1996.

Range and diversity of output is the key. "If ratings go down a point or two and what we have on are repeats and acquired US output, then we've got a real problem. But if ratings go down and what we've got on is terrific, no one is going to mind," Mr

Wyatt says.

Meanwhile many people in the BBC, indeed the television industry as a whole, are worried by the

'We do want to provide a lot of highly-watched programmes, but we are not going to do it by mimicking' WILL WYATT

programme-makers. Ripples of redundancies are transforming more and more BBC producers, writers and directors into nervous people on one-month contracts, while many of those who remain complain that they are being turned into accountants by the reforms, which force BBC TV resource departments to compete vith outside contractors in an

effort to cut waste and inefficiency. Even senior programme execu-tives have agonised over the Pro-ducer Choice reforms announced last October: they feel they will spend too much of their creative time haggling over the prices of

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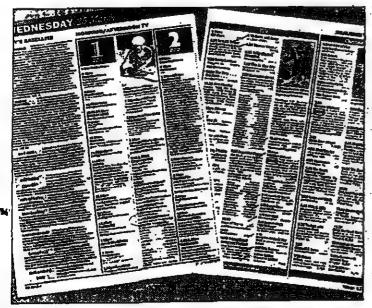
Meanwhile, John Birt, who takes over from Sir Michael Checkland as director-general in April next year, has also frustrated creative talent with his preoccupation for news and current affairs. His critics tend to talk off the record, but Alan Plater, the acclaimed television writer whose latest credit is Granada's Malgret, says: "Drama writers and producers are aware of a bias at the very top of the BBC towards news and current affairs. They look up and see people like Michael Check-land, John Birt and Marmaduke Hussey at the top and they think: This is not quite the Corporation I grew up in. If I had a particularly dangerous idea, I would now go to

ncertainty and insecuconducive to the riskduce the sort of ground-breaking hits Mr Wystt is determined to provide viewers. Not surprisingly he admits that his document. The Path Ahead, is aimed at boosting such flagging morale and keeping talent loyal. "We have to ensure that the best talent works for us, and to do that we must create the right creative environment," he

The BBC must be the most adventurous place, the place where the highest standards are

Mr Wyatt's blueprint for the future is hardly revolutionary. But his rallying call is wholly necessary: "In times of uncertainty, when morale is low, it is important to make explicit what is often implicit, to spell out to people our core values of excellence, range and creative ambition. We need another golden age of BBC Television."

Fleet Street saves millions after the listings battle



Radio Times and TV Times are thought to have spent more than £1 million each to protect their billings copyright

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B magazine publishers are celebrating a significant windfall. After a year of uncertainty, the government's Copyright Tribunal last week ruled firmly in their favour in their dispute with the BBC and Independent Television Publications (ITP) over charges for television listings. Instead of over £13 million, as

demanded by the BBC and ITP. the publishers will only have to pay around 62 million. Twenty national newspapers, which were looking at a collective bill of £2.2 million, now have to find less than £400,000. It all goes to boost the bottom-line.

This is a very good result from newspapers' point of view," said Jeremy Deedes, executive editor of both the Daily and the Sunday Telegraph: Under the original proposals from the BBC and ITP, his two titles would have paid £187,000 and £37,000 respectively. Now their bins will be sums £24,000 and £1,870 — sums arrived at by multiplying the tribunal's suggested royalty of 0.003 pence by a paper's circulation and then by the number of days it publishes listings.

The acrimonious dispute arose after the 1990 Broadcasting Act. This placed a statutory duty on the BBC and ITV to provide the date. time and title of their programmes to any publisher free of charge. It: confirmed that the two broadcasters retained the copyright on additional programme information, or "billings", such as the The BBC and ITV look like losers after last week's copyright finding, but they may still have some cards to play

act also abolished the "duopoly". or exclusive right enjoyed by the BBC's commercial arm, BBC Enterprises (BBCE), and 1TP to publish these billings in their own profitable magazines, Radio imes and TV Times.

to be an "open market" in television listings and ever since, BBCE and ITP have been trying to maximise their revenue from their copyright in that additional information, the billings, According to reliable estimates, they have spent over £1 million each, mainly in legal fees, in what now seems to have been a fruitless defensive

From March 1 1991, there was

Dr John Thomas, director of BBCE's magazine division. is "most unhappy" at the tribunal's "drastic undervaluation" of their copyright. He and Nigel Davidson, his opposite number at ITP, a subsidiary of the International Publishing Corporation (IPC).
Thus decide by mid-April whether to incur further costs by appealing

against last week's decision. The tribunal looked back to the Broadcasting Act to make its ruling. One of the act's aims, it interpreted, was to make "a wide range of programmes and types of broadcasting 'available". But it could only do this "if individuals can easily find out what is on, so . Though this argument was reject-

that they can choose for themselves what they want to see". The "public interest" need for "wide dissemination of and easy access to programme material" was more mportant than the copyright holders' financial interests, the tribunal said.

Such arguments had not escaped the BBC or ITV companies which, in a complicated manoeuvre, had assigned their copyright

'Listings will be among the things you expect to find in your paper

to ITP. The tribunal noted, for example, how a speaker at the BBC Board of Management in early 1991 remarked: "A commercially sound solution might conflict with the BBC's public service

Obligations." However, the BBC fought its corner on its estimate that rival publishers could expect windfall profits of more than £60 million a year from relevision listings.

ed by the tribunal, Dr Thomas notes that several national newspapers have recently started sevenday listings supplements, in direct competition with Radio Times and TV Times. He says this is remarkable considering that they argued at the tribunal that relevision listings were not important to either their circulation or advertising revenues. Following the lead of The Sun

and Daily Mirror late last year, the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Times, Daily Express, Daily Mail, Daily Star and Today have all introduced seven-day listings in recent weeks. The Guardian and The Independent are expected to follow suit. Mr Deedes now foresees listings

becoming "one of the regular services" offered by newspapers: "they're never going to be a great money-spinner, but they will be among the things you expect to find in your paper, like race cards and stock prices".

To provide this "service", a new sub-industry is developing. CNS, a subsidiary of the Press Agency, is one of four main companies aiming to take the sweat out of listings for newspapers and magazines. Chris Mellor, CNS's managing director, notes that his listings - priced between EB and £60 per day — are very costeffective compared with normal

its own subsidiary, Broadcast Data Services, which turns over E's million a year packaging listings for more than 40 other publishers. Mellor hints that BDS's closeness to the BBC gives it an unfair competitive advantage. but Robert Hall, BDS's managing

director, dismisses this. The prospect of an appeal has been restricted by the fact that ITP's copyright runs out at the end of 1992. This is likely to deter its parent, 1PC, from committing further funds to a battle with a tribunal which has just pronounced so conclusively. ITV companies will discuss their reaction to the tribunal's decision on April 6. They are likely to set up an agency. to be run alongside their new central scheduler, to provide their statutory information and market their own value added programme

Tony Elliott, publisher of Time Out and chairman of the TV Listings Campaign against the "duopoly", forecasts that, within a year, BBCE will also have to abandon its efforts to charge for billings. He says that, now "the mess has cleared and people can make a rational choice", there will be new entrants in the listings market. And he offers "an idea for free" to illustrate the way things are going — an A5 listings maga-zine, subsidised by an oil company and given out to any customer who spends more than £20 on petrol.

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Which party's promises offer most hope to the beleaguered homeowner?

Rachel Kelly goes policy-hunting

cancer" which would rip he heart out of the housing market in every part of Britain.

John Major said last week. Fighting talk, and predictable enough, but the housing experts agree. Last week, the consensus was that Labour's budget proposals would be disastrous for the housing market

David Ware, the president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said that nothing in the shadow budget would breathe life into the stagnant market.

Labour had neither suggested extending mortgage interest tax relief from its £30,000 threshold, nor did its manifesto mention a permanent abolition of stamp duty. which is now suspended but due to be reintroduced in August.

Other agents were more damning. "Labour's proposals would do considerable damage to the hous-ing market," said James Laing, a partner at Stutt & Parker. The shadow chancellor's proposals for increased tax rates would hit midrange professional executives earning around £50,000, who were the key to the growth of the property

abour's taxation policies market, Mr Laing said. Only when would be a "fast-spreading" the middle sector of the market got moving again would other sectors

Steven Bell, the chief economist at Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, commented on the 1.5 million on more than £30,000 who, he said, will be "smashed in the face" by Labour's tax proposals. They face up to a 20 per cent loss in incomes, which will mean a heavy hit on the top end of the housing market, with more repossessions and distressed selling."

Those on £22,000 and over will also be hit by about a 4 per cent loss of income. "This is quite signifi-cant," said Mr Bell. "When you are moving house, you make pretty fine

Building societies, too, reacted gloomily. The Woolwich estimated that Labour's tax plans would remove about £3 billion from potential house buyers between 991 and 1992.

Fair comment, but what of the Tory record? It is hard to defend the government's contribution to the housing market, given the slump, House prices have been falling in the South-East at least since 1988. It was the Conservatives who failed



Wary of the Labour party's housing plans: James Laing with his wife, Jane, at home in Berkshire

to control the lending bonanza of the 1980s, which led in part to the plight of more than 75,000 whose homes were repossessed last year, while the abolition of twin tax relief led to an artificial boom and slump. Equally, its manifesto has some imaginative proposals for homeowners. It hopes to end gazumping and suggests tighter controls over estate agents, both of which would

be welcome. There are plans to help

first-time buyers with a package of measures. Their mortgage repay-ments will be reduced by concentrating their tax relief on the early years of homeownership.

Mr Ware said: There is not a

tremendous amount of difference between this budget and Mr Lamont's budget so far as the housing market is concerned." Unquestionably though, the Conservative ethos is that the home

must remain the Briton's castle. The Tories wish to boost home-ownership to 75 per cent from its present level of 68 per cent, while abour believes the boundaries of home ownership are already severely stretched. Mr Lamont's budget gives property owners con-siderable advantages, albeit indi-

Tax levels are either pegged at their current rates or could come down under the Tories." Mr Laing said. "People would be better off. able to move house, and the market

would get moving."

The Woolwich fears a hung parliament after April 9. "This would create continued uncertainty about government policies, and result in later recoveries in both the economy and the housing market than either an outright victory for Labour or the Conservatives."

Plans by the Liberal Democrats to replace mortgage interest tax relief with "housing cost relief" weighted towards those most in need and available to buyers and renters would deal a body blow to home ownership in the short term, but could prove popular in the long

New homeowners have discovered to their cost the dangers of investing in bricks and mortar. A party that encourages the rented sector could win votes.

Regardless of who wins the election, perhaps the single most important factor to affect the market is interest rates. The scale of government borrowing means that they are likely to rise even if the Tories are returned.

The one thing that will bring the present recovery to a standstill is an administration that would borrow and tax more," Sir George Young, the housing minister, has said. He was talking about Labour, but his remarks could equally apply



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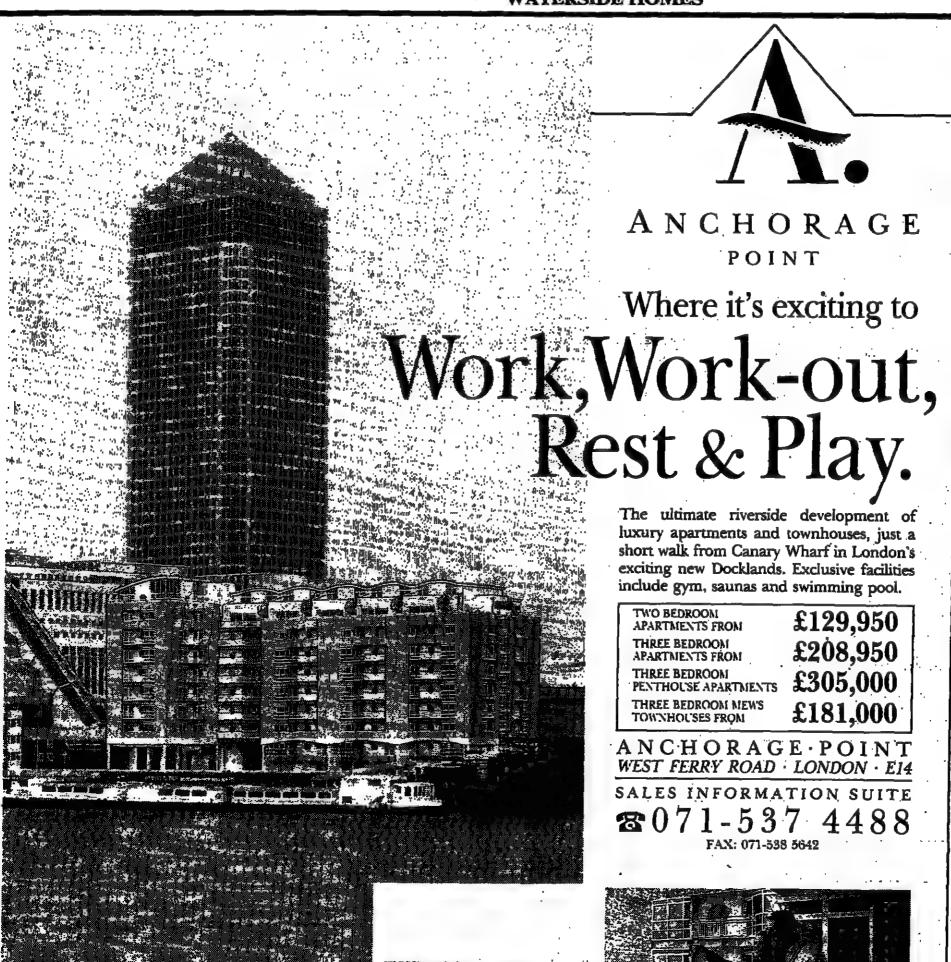
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property is a neglected asset.
St Quintin's "Operational Property Research" is based on a study of leading companies, privatised utilities and hospital trusts. The report says few boards include a dedicated property expert, and companies continue to fall into expensive property traps. About two-thirds of leading companies

Two reports show that many companies do not understand the value and cost of their property. Christopher Warman explains

claimed to have conducted recent. Leases are particularly vulnera-property audits but 28 per cent. ble to hidden liabilities, especially could not give the value of their operational property as a percentage of assets. St Quintin says: "Opera-tional property needs better management, and every firm should be

conducting full property audits."

Howard Bibby, the corporate services head, explained that companies often carried out only part of the task, usually because they lacked mannounce or information. the task, usually because they lacked manpower or information technology. "A comprehensive property audit is not only about valuation, but about suitability, occupancy costs and planning coungencies for future liabilities," the report says.

in the central London office market and the decline in development site values have deterred landlords from redeveloping at the end of a lease. Instead, St Quintin says, landlords are pursuing claims for accumulated repairs and dilapidations and for the reinstatement of tenant alterations, to provide a fund to cover rental voids and

further refurbishment Thanks to the quirkiness of English law, many companies remain liable for the terms of the lease even after selling or vacating property. If the occupying tenant

tion of the single market are expected to turn southeast Kent

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chain remain liable and can be... asked to pay.

"The landlord is entitled to go back along the chain of occupants to claim for rent and service charge arrears from whichever firm he chooses. Usually he will pick the richest," says Mr Bibby.

ne of the clearing banks, he reports, is being pur-sued for a liability on buildings it occupied 16 years ago. He emphasises that companies should obtain a formal release document when selling leases and should search for liablities in the companies they acquire.

Scottish Widows aims to make the

most of the property's entertain-ment potential and slant the shop-

ping bias towards tourism and leisure. The society expects the environmental improvements be-

ing made to the Piccadilly and

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PRUDENTIAL, Britain's biggest insurance company, and the Bris-

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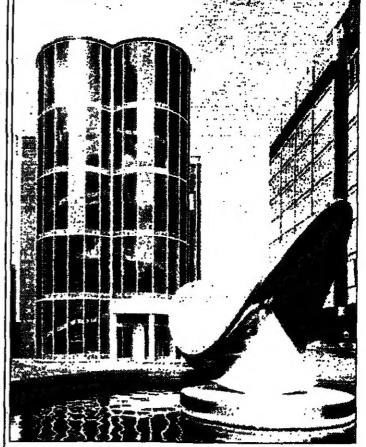
St Quintin's research showed that operational property was com-monly regarded as being necessary for business activities rather than having investment value. Of the sample of the Top 1,000 companies in the study, 57 per cent said they had no formal property investment strategy. The same answer was given by 79 per cent of the

The Hillier Parker Research report finds that property issues are largely considered a "problem" rather than an opportunity by the 30 blue-chip companies in the survey, although property accounts for 25 to 40 per cent of tangible assets and 5 to 15 per cent of

operating costs. Many companies considered rent as the only cost when moving. despite the expense of fitting out and long-term operating costs.

ning application to Northavon district council to build a leisure complex at Cribbs Causeway on a 16-acre site next to the M5 at Bristol. The complex will feature a ten-screen multiplex cinema, a tenpin bowling alley, a nightclub and up to four restaurants.

Graham Maskell, Prudential's investment manager, says Bristol is one of the few large UK cines without a modern lessure complex of this nature. The complex would complement a proposed regional



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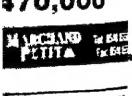
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Right to sue for pre-birth harm Police cannot retain money

De Martell v Merton and Sutton Health Authority Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Leggatt

[Judgment March 18] Children with disabilities caused by alleged negligent medical treatment before they were born had a cause of action against the

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing appeals (i) by Islington Health Authority against the decision of Mr Justice Potts [1991] QB 638) who dismissed its application to strike out the stateapplication to strike our the state-ment of claim of B, the plaintiff, as disclosing no reasonable cause of action and (2) by Menton and Sumon Health Authority against the decision of Mr Judstice Phil-ling on Mary 5, 1001 who beyond or lips on May 5, 1991 who found as a preliminary issue that on the allegations made by the plaintiff. Christopher De Martell, the defendant was liable in tort for those acts and/or omissions committed before the plaintiffs

In B the alleged negligence was the carrying out of a dilation and curettage when the plaintiff was an embryo in her mother's wom! which operation it was alleged should not have been performed

In De Martell the plaintiff was born with brain damage and asphysis after a failed forceps delivery. He was delivered by

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr John Q. B. Grace for Islington Health Authority: Mr Daniel Brennan, QC and Mr Alastair Fornari, QC and Mr Alastan
Forrest for B; Mr Harvey
McGregor, QC and Miss Jean
Rinchie for Menton and Sutton
Health Authority; Mr Adrian
Whitfield, QC and Mr Peter
Latham for Mr De Martell.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON child was not born at the time of said that the question was whether a child born alive and who suffered disabilities as a result of alleged medical negligence while he was en ventre sa mere could maintain an action for

negligence.
The Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Act 1976 applied only to children born after the passing of the Act and the present cases had to be decided according to the law previously in force which was essentially the common law.

It was common ground that if, for example, a manufacturer neg-ligently made and marketed a car with defective brakes and a predictable accident followed after the car was sold with a child in the car, it would be no defence to say that the child had not been born when the car was manufactured.

While accepting that, the defendants submitted that a child en ventre sa mere was not a person in

the eyes of the law.

There was no doubt that there were authorities which supported were authorities which supported the general proposition that a foems enjoyed no independent legal personality: Paton v British Pregnancy Advisory Service Trustees (1979) QB 276), In re F (in utero) (1988) Fam 122), C v S (1988) QB 135).

There were other contexts in which the English courts adopted as part of the common law the maxim Qui in utero est, pro jam. habetur, quotis de ejus commodo quaeritur (2 Bla Com) that an unborn child was deemed to be born whenever its interests re-

It was on the basis of the civil It was on the basis of the civil law that Mr Justice Lamont, delivering the leading judgment of the majority in a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada held in Montreal Tramways v Levellie [1933] 4 DLR 337) that when a

an accident and was subsequently born alive, it was clothed with all rights of action. A wider view was taken by Mr Justice Cannon without reliance on the maxims of

It was open to the English courts to apply the maxim directly to the present cases and treat the two plaintiffs in lives in being at the time when they were injured, although it was not necessary to do so directly because of Mon-

meal Tramways.
Mr Ashworth referred to a number of United States decisions. The general thesis was that decisions between 1884 and 1945 held that a child en ventre could not recover and he submitted that those decisions represented the pure doctrine of the 1945 reaching the opposite view

The post-1945 US decisions held as a development of the common law that a child could recover damages for pre-natal

His Lordship was most reluctant to hold that the common law. although capable of development in every other jurisdiction, crystallised a long time ago in English law. Mr Ashworth and Mr

MacGregor submitted that the position crystallised with the last decision in English law before the 1976 Act which was Walker v Great Northern Railway Co of Ireland ((1890) 28 QB & Ex (L) 69) in which the pregnant mother fell in a train as a result of the negligence of the railway company and the child was born deformed. The court held that the statement of claim disclosed no In his Lordship's judgment, the decision in Walker was pro-foundly unsatisfactory not less

because two if not all three mem-

to the fact that the railway company sold one ticket and not two. If valid today, a child under three who travelled free on British Rail would have no cause of action for negligence.
With the enactment of the 1976

Act. Parliament deliberately left open cases such as the present ones. Such cases were to be decided to the law in force prior to the Act, that is, the common law which did not simply mean Walker but the law which the court would apply including for-

eign authorities.
The Commonwealth cases of Watt v Rama [1972] VR 353] and Duval v Seguin ((1972) 26 DLR (3d) 418) were to be pre-The appeals would be

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed and Lord Justice Leggan delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Beachcroft Stanleys: Pannone March Pearson.

Before Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans [Judgment March 13] Police were not entitled to retain money seized from a person who

subsequently pleaded gullty to charges of selling intoxicating liquor without a licence, nor were they entitled on the ground of public policy to an order to retain it under the Police (Property) Act

Midlands Police v White

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when dismissing the judgment when dismissing the appeal of the Chief Constable of the West Midlands Police against the decision of Mr Bruce Morgan, the Birmingham Stipen-diary Magistrate, on July 27, 1990, that £1,268.16 found in the possession of Delgado Donan White should be returned to him by the police The magistrate had stayed the order pending appeal. Mr John Stenhouse for the

Tribunal is not bound by trial

Regina v Metropolitza Police Disciplinary Tribu-nal, Ex parte Police Complaints Anthority

The general proposition that false statements made at the trial of a convicted defendant could not form the subject of disciplinary proceedings so long as that conviction stood was not supported by authority.

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court (Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Jowin) so held on March 20 when granting an application by the Police Com-

Police Disciplinary Tribunal to stay disciplinary proceedings against two police officers on the round of abuse of process.
LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said

it had to be clearly recognised that Hunter v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police [1982] AC 529] was not authority for any general proposition that false statements de at the trial of a convicted defendant could not form the subject of disciplinary proceedings so long as that conviction stood.

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Chief Constable of the West appear and was not represented. MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-ANS said that following a raid by the police armed with a warrant under the Licensing Art 1964 on premises rented by the respon-dent, a substantial quantity of alcoholic drink was found. The respondent admitted that he ran the premises as a club and that he

> insoxicating liquor. He was searched and money found on his person was seized and retained by the police. The respondent subsequently pleaded guilty to offences under the 1964 Act before the Birmingham Jus-tices on January 20, 1990, when he was sentenced to a conditional discharge and all the liquor found was ordered to be forfeited.

did not have a licence to sell

The justices made no order in respect of the money found nor did they determine under a Newton hearing (R v Newton ((1982) 77 Cr App R 13)) whether it was the proceeds of the sale of alcohol at the club or, as was claimed, a loan to the respondent by his

The police applied for an order The ponce applied for an order under section 1 of the Police (Property) Act 1897 for an order as to the owner of the money. The stipendiary magistrate found that the money was the proceeds of sale of alcoholic and non-alcoholic like the proceeds of the p holic liquor, and that the respondent was "the owner" of the money even though the sale involved was illegal and the contracts of sale void and unenforceable. Raymond Lyons & Co Ltd v Metropolitan Police Communissioner [1975] QB 321,

His Lordship said that there was no power under the warrant to seize and retain the money, the stantiory power was confined to the seizure and removal of innoccating liquor and the vessels containing such liquor. The police were justified in retaining the money for the limited purpose of establishing the lawful owner and, having re-tained it, they were entitled to apply under section 1 of the 1897 Act. The power of the court to expressly preserved by section 22(5) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 where police had retained money under section

The magistrate rightly con-ciuded that the contract under which the money was paid was word and unenforceable but it did not follow, as Mr Stenhouse contended, that it was a nullity and that no legal rights could be derived from it. It was well established that ownership of established that ownership or property could pass under an illegal contract Singh v Ali [1960] AC 161, 176-177). Belvoir Finance Co Ltd v Stapleton [1971] I QB 210).

The contract was fully executed

and property in the money was passed to the respondent who thereby acquired an indefeasible right to it and, in his Lordship's view, unless the maxim ex turns causa actio non oritur could be applied the magistrate was en-

money to the respondent.

Mr Stenhouse submitted that the respondent's conduct in selling in breach of the 1964 Act was so trainted that, even if the prop-erty in the money passed to him, the court should refuse to support his claim to the money. He relied on Solomon v Metropolitar Police Commissioner (1982) Crim LR 606) where the maxim

was applied. But in his Lordship's view, that was a very different type of case from the present and nothing that was decided in it cast any doubt on the principles stated in the other cases or the relevance of those principles in the present

While it could not be doubted

entitled to decline to make an order under the 1897 Act where it was clear that it would be contrary to public policy to do so, that was not shown to be the situation in

the present case. If Parliament had intended that money found on unlicensed premises should be confiscated. provision to that end would have been made in the 1964 Act in the same way as provision was made for the seizure and removal of intoxicating liquor found on the premises and vessels containing

It was highly significant that the 1964 Act contained no such provision. The penalties provided for the relevant offence were severe: see section 160. There was on the other hand a power to fine apart from the penalty of

Moreover, offences under the 1964 Act were absolute and the degree of culpability involved had to vary widely. As Mr Stenhouse accepted, there could be no right to follow and recover money which a person convicted of selling unlicensed liquor had banked.

The argument that the numbers ers of the liquor were possible owners was a red herring because in no circumstances could they claim any right to an interest in the money which they had paid to the respondent, quite apart from the fact that it was impossible to identify them.

Therefore the respondent did not have to rely on any illegal contract to assert that the money was his. It had been taken from him by the police under statutory power which entitled them to retain it for a limited time and for limited purposes which gave no title to retain the money.

Lord Justice Beldam agreed Solicitors: Mr John M. Kilbey,

In Cunningham v Harrison [1973] QB 942) Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said: "It

is an established principle ...

that the damages awarded to an

No submission before election

Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities Ltd and Others v Nadir

Before Mr Justice Know [Judgment February 28] The respondent in committal

proceedings for civil contempt was not entitled to make a on of no case to answer without at the same time making

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division when ruling on a preliminary issue in an action by Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities Ltd and eight other applicants in an action against Mr Asil Nadir for alleged breach of Marsea, asset-freezing.

Mr Gahriel Moss, OC and Mr Robin Dicker for the applicants: Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Isaac Jacob for the

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that the preliminary issue was part of a criminal rules governed civil There were two categories of case applicable. The first con-cerned how far criminal rules and procedure applied to civil proceedings to commit for con-

empt. His Lordship reviewed the

authorities and concluded that

contempt proceedings were civil

but if there were sufficient justification then the courts would The most common justification bring in the criminal law stan-dard of proof of beyond reason-able doubt, as well as the privilege

The second category consisted of civil cases where the defendant had been put to his election.
His Lordship referred to paragraph 35/7/2 of The Supreme
Court Practice 1991 and having noted generally that the delen-dant was put to his election in the that the issue in the present case was whether there was sufficient ground for departing from the established civil procedure.

of proof in civil contempt proceedbeyond a reasonable doubt therethe criminal courts.

Bearing in mind that the risk of any injustice being done was very slight, as well as that the existence of an absolute right would pro-long proceedings, his Lordship would hold that there was no absolute right to withhold evi-dence until after submission of no

It had been submitted on behalf of the respondent that the adop-tion of the criminal standard of

fore the procedure applicable to

Case to answer.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy:

absence of a jury went on to say

proof in civil contempt proceed-ings meant that logically the procedure of the criminal courts in regard to submissions of no case to answer should apply in the

present proceedings also.

His Lordship was not persuaded that because the standard

Employer's insurance payment not deductible from damages Bews v Scottish Hydro-Electric pic Before Lord Abernethy [Judgment February 27]

An ex gratia payment made by an employer to the executors of an employee who had died in the course of his employment did not fall to be deducted from a claim for damages brought against the employer by the deceased's de-

Lord Abernethy, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held when deleting from probation averments by Scottish Hydro-Electric pic that the sum of £54,952,56 should be deducted from any sum which they were found liable to pay by way of reparation to Mrs June Reves and others. Bews and others.

Section 1(5)(b) of the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976 provides: "In assessing ... the amount of any loss of support suffered by a relative of the deceased, no account shall be taken of ... any insurance money, benefit, pen-sion or gratuity which has been ... paid as a result of the de-

Mr Iain Peebles for the pursuers; Mr David Burns for the defenders. LORD ABERNETHY said that the widow and sons of the deceased sought reparation in respect of his death in the course

of his employment with the de-

The defenders had been in-

sured against such deaths and had previously so advised all their employers by a notice which stated that the defenders were the insured and that payments of insurance proceeds were made to dependents of employees at the enders' discretion and might be taken into account in the event

Laing v Scotlish Grain Distillers Ltd

Before Lord Mackay of

Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord

Keith of Kinkel, Lord

Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Janney of Tullicheme

[Speeches February 27] The pursuer, having pleaded that

outdoor stow, was not entitled to a remit to the Court of Session for

a finding as to whether the stow had been dangerous when dry.

an appeal by the pursuer, Mr Archibald Mitchell Laing, from

the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session

(Lord Ross, Lord Justice-Clerk,

Lord Dunpark and Lord Wylie) who on December 7, 1990, had

refused the pursuer's appeal from

The sheriff court had assoibled

The House of Lords disa

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the insurers to the defenders and by the defenders to the deceased's executors. The defenders now averred that that sum fell to be deducted from any damages payable to the pursuers.

With regard to section 1 of the 1976 Act, it was true that, as the pursuers argued, the payment would not have been made if the

illers Ltd. from the purpoer's

action against them for damages for personal injuries sustained by

him in an accident which he averred had been due to their

negligence and breach of stant-tory duty under section 29(1) of the Factories Act 1961.

Mr Colin MacAulty, QC and

Mr C. J. M. Sutherland, QC and Mrs Eileen Davie for the

LORD JAUNCEY said that the jurisdiction of the House of Lords in relation to actions raised

in the sheriff court was substan-

tially restricted by section 40 of the Court of Session Act 1825.

The authorities showed that it was restricted to consideration of questions of law arising out of the pleadings and the findings of fact in the Court of Session.

as a result of his death. It was not his death which had triggered the payment. On the contrary, the payment had been triggered by the exercise of the defenders

If they had not exercised their

factual issue in the pleadings had not been made the subject of a

finding of fact, the House of

rejected the pursuers' argument based on the 1976 Acr that the

discretion in that way, the pay-ment would not have been made.

However, the pursuers also argued at common law that, since the defenders had not been legally bound to make the payment out any provision for recovery, they were not entitled now to seek

Facts found at first instance stand

Lords would remit to the Court of Session to make appropriate Mr MacAulay, referring to a dictum of Lord Reid in M Gione v British Railways In the circumstances it was impossible to say that the Second Board (1966 SC (HL) I, I had submitted that the Second ivision had failed to make findings in relation to the pursuer's case given that evidence had been led without objection showing that the stow had been a danger-

ous place to walk on even when dry. The pleadings had, in effect, to be treated for the purposes of section 40 as though they contained averments habite to permit such evidence to be adduced. It was not necessary to reach a conclusion on that as there were more formidable difficulties in the pursuer's way. He had per-illed his case on having slipped on a wet cask and there was no hint a wet casis and there was no time in the pleadings that any other condition of the casis had or might have been the cause of his fall. He had spoken only to a wet cask as having caused him to stip.

making separate findings of fact in relation to the alleged breach of statutory duty and there should be no remit back to them. Keith, Lord Templeman and Lord Goff agreed.
Solicitors: Stephen Kingsley for Digby Brown & Co. Edinburgh; mentary agents for Drummond Miller. WS, Edinburgh and Drummond Cook & Mackintosh.

injured person are nor to be reduced by reason of any insurinjured person (Bradburn v Great Western Ry Co ((1874) LR 10 Ex 1)); nor by reason of a pension to which he has contributed Parry v Cleaver ([1970] AC I); nor by reason of gifts made to relieve his distress Redpath v Belfast & County Down Ry [[1947] N Ir 167). Similarly, I think that damages are not to be reduced by reason of ex gratia payments made by his employer." In Dougan v Rangers Foot-ball Club Ltd (1974 SLT 34) the sheriff had held that the same principle applied where the de-fenders themselves had, without attaching any provisions for recovery, made a benevolent an exgratia payment into a fund from which the pursuers had benefited Smith v BEA ([1951] 2 KB 893) was plainly distinguishable because there the sum in question had been a benefit which had accrued to the deceased's estate

It was clear that in the present case the payment had been made ex gratia and it was indistin-guishable from Cunningham and Dougan. Law agents: Digby Brown & Co: Shepherd & Wedderburn. WS.

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Necessity for rigorous requirements to guarantee legal certainty

of the European Communities Joined Cases: T-79/89, T-84 to 56/89, T-89/89, T-91/89, T-92/89, T-94/89, 104/89 Before Judge D. Barrington, President of the Second Chamber and Judges A.

Saggio, C. Yeraris, C. P. Brier and J.

Judgment February 27] Rigorous formal requirements govern-ing the drawing up, adoption and authentication of measures were necessary in order to guarantee the stability of the legal order and legal certainty for those subject to measures adopted by Community institutions. Such formal-ism guaranteed the observance of the principles of legality, legal certainty and sound administration.

The Court of First Instance of the

Chamber so held in dismissing as inadmissible applications by polyvinylchloride (PVC) producers against Commission Decision 89/190/EEC of December 21, 1988 relating to a proceeding pursuant to article 85 of the EEC Treaty (IV/31.865 PVC) (OJ 1989 L74, pl). On March 24, 1988 the Commission had instituted a proceeding under article 3(1) of Regulation No 17 against 14 producers of PVC. On April 5, 1988 it sent each of those undertakngs a statement of objections and, after hearing the observations of the

undertakings adopted the disputed On March 17, 1989 that decision was published in the OJ. The decision

had been notified to the undertakings concerned in February 1989 The operative part of the decision as notified and published contained, inter alia. a finding that the 14 undertakings had infringed article 85 of the EEC Treaty, by participating in an agreement and/or concerted practice originating in about August 1980 by which the producers supplying PVC in the Community took part in regular meetings in order to fix target prices and target quotas, planned concerted initiatives to raise price levels and monitor the operation of the said collusive arrangements. The undertakings were ordered to bring that infringement to an end and were fined sums ranging from 400,000 to 3,500,000 ECU.

Instance ruled: Instance ruled: A number of the applicants had maintained that there were discrepancies between the measure notified and published in the Official Journal of the European Communities and the mea-sure adopted which went beyond mere grammatical corrections and made the

grammatical corrections and made the decision void in its entirety.
In its judgment in Case 131/86
United Kingdom v Council (The Times March 23, 1988; [1988] ECR 905) known as the "battery hens case", the Court of Justice had held, with regard to a directive adopted by the Council and subsequently amended by the staff of the Council's general secretarial that the statement of reasons was an essential part of a measure, since it made possible a review by the Community judges and allowed mem-ber states and the nationals concerned to know the conditions under which the Community institutions had applied

the Treaty.

The principle that a measure might not be altered once it had been adopted by the competent authority constituted an essential factor contributing to legal certainty and stability of legal situations in the Community legal order both for Community institutions and for persons whose legal or factual n was affected by a decision adopted by those institutions.

Only rigorous and absolute observance of that principle could guarantee that the notified or published measure constituted an exact copy of the measure adopted, thus reflecting faithfully the intention of the competent

Following various findings of fact made on the basis of documents sub-mitted to it by the Commission during the proceedings, the Court of First Instance concluded that there were differences between the drafts of decision submitted for deliberation by the Commission and the measures notified to the applicants and published in the

before the Court that, in addition to the changes confined solely to the measure notified and published in German.

certain changes, which appeared in the

measures notified to the applicants and

language versions adopted on Decem-

ber 21, 1988, that is so say the English, French and German versions. The changes concerned both the statement of reasons and the operative part of the It was apparent that a new para-

graph had been added to the statement of reasons in the decision as notified and published. As to the amendments to the operative part of the decisions, such amend-ments directly affected the scope of the obligations which were imposed on individuals by the amended measure or the scope of the rights which it con-

ferred upon them. In this case such an amendment might alter the manner in which the alleged infringement was attributed and even shift the financial burden of the fine imposed. Such amendments to the operative part of the measure adopted had therefore to be regarded as constituting a particularly serious and manifest infringement of the prin-ciple of the inalterability of the measure lopted, which constituted one of the foundations of legal certainty in the Community legal order.

Lack of competence of authority issu-

ing the measure
It followed from the regulation on use of languages in the Community and from article 12 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure (CRP) taken together that, where, as in this case, the Commission intended to adopt by a single measure a decision which was binding on a number of legal persons for whom different languages were to be used, the decision had to be adopted in each of the languages in which it was binding in order to avoid making

cation impossible. In this case it was apparent that the contested decision was not adopted by the Commission in Dutch and Italian which were the authentic texts for five of the undertakings.

A decision which established an

infringement of article 85 of the Treaty. issued orders to a number of undertakings, imposed large fines upon them and was directly enforce-able for those purposes clearly affected the rights and obligations and the property of those undertakings. It could not be regarded merely as a measure of management or administration whose adoption fell within the powers of a single member of the

Commission since that would be directly contrary to the principle of collegiate

It followed that the measure adopted in Dutch and Italian by the member of the Commission responsible for mat-ters of competition was issued by an authority lacking the necessary powers.
Furthermore, the measures notified in the five authentic languages had to be regarded as having been adopted after January 5, 1989, the date on which Mr Sutherland's mandate expired. Consequently, the measures no-tified to the applicants and published in the OJ had been issued by an authority lacking the temporal competence to do so.

Non-existence of the measure
At the hearing the applicants had argued that it was impossible to verify the authenticity of the contested measure and that the contested decision had never existed since it had been adopted neither by the full Commiss nor by the member of the Commission responsible for competition manters.

The Community judges, guided by principles derived from national legal

systems, would declare non-existent a measure which was vitiated by particularly serious and manifest defects. This plea related to a matter of public erest which might be relied upon by the parties at any time during the proceedings and had to be raised by the Court of its own motion.

The Court had asked the defendant to produce the adopted decision in its original form duly authenticated in accordance with the CRP. An examination of the documents produced confirmed that, apart from the minutes produced to the Court, the covering letter dated January 5, 1989 attached to the copies of the decisions notified to the applicants constituted

the only document which was signed by a member of the Commission. That finding had, moreover, been acknowledged by the defendant, since it stated itself that it was unable to produce an original decision duly signed and authenticated and that the text of the contested decision was to be inferred from a combined reading of the various documents produced. Infringement of article 12 of the CRP The requirement in the second para-

graph of article 12 of the CRP, that the

texts of such acts were to be annexed to the minutes in which their adoption was recorded, was of essential importance since it guaranteed that the authenticated measure was in confor-mity with the measure adopted and

altered.

It was only when the measure adopted by the full Commission duly authenticated by the signatures of the President and the Secretary General was combined with the minutes of the meeting of the Commission recording the adoption of the measure deliberated upon that it was possible to be certain of the existence of the mea and its content and to be sure that the

All those rigorous formal require-ments governing the drawing up, adoption and authentication of mea-sures were necessary in order to guar-antee the stability of the legal order and legal certainty for those subject to measures adopted by Community institutions.
Such formalism was strictly neces-

sary for the maintenance of a legal system based on a hierarchy of rules. It

guaranteed observance of principles of egality, legal certainty, and sound Any infringement of those rules would create a system that was essentially precarious, in which the descrip-tion of the persons subject to measured adopted by the institutions, the extent of their rights and obligations and the authority issuing the measures could be known only approximately, thereby

jeopardising the exercise of judicial It was necessary to distinguish between those provisions of an institution's rules of procedure whose infringement might not be relied upon by natural and legal persons because they were concerned solely with the internal working arrangements of the institution and could not affect their legal situation and those whose inngement might be-relied upon because they created rights and were a factor contributing to legal certainty.

for such persons. As to the merits of the applicants claims, it was sufficient to note that the Commission itself had acknowledged that it was unable to produce to the Court a copy of the original measures

Only the production of measures authenticated in accordance with arti-

de 12 of the CRP would have made it

possible to determine the precise inten-

tion of the Community legislature. That intention could be the source of far as it was known and was capable of being ascertained precisely by the Court in the exercise of its powers of The Court found that it was unable to ascertain the precise and certain content of the measures adopted owing

to them, since the Commission had completely disregarded the authentica-tion procedure laid down by article 12 Where the Court could neither determine with sufficient certainty the pre-cise date from which a measure was capable of producing legal effects nor, owing to the amendments made to it, ascertain with certainty the precise

terms of the statement of reasons which it hadto contain under article 190 of the Treaty nor define and verify clearly the extent of the obligations which it imposed on its addressess or the description of those addressees nor identify with certainty the authority which issued the definitive version, and where it was established that the authentica tion procedure provided for by the Community rules had been completely disregarded and that the procedur laid down by the second paragraph of article 192 could not be implemented. such a measure could not be regarded as a decision for the purposes of article 189 of the Treaty and was viriated by particularly serious and manifest defects rendering it non-existent in law.

Apparent existence of the measures Finally, the defendant could not, as it did at the hearing, refer the applicants to the documents notified and maintain that it was those documents which constituted the original of the measure on the ground that they were cartified as being in conformity with it. The documents produced by the defendant merely served to confirm the existence of discrepancies such as those initially alleged by the applicants and in addition revealed further discrepan-cies between the three versions discussed by the full Commission and the

sions to be adopted in two of the five uthentic languages.

Nor could it be argued that at its meeting on December 21, 1988 the Commission had adopted the "sub-

stance" or "essence" of the contested measure and that consequently the notified measures had to be presumed to be in conformity with the intention of the authority issuing the measure.

Articles 189 and 190 of the Treaty and article 12 of the CRP referred, and might be applied, only to measures adopted by the Commission and not to informal statements of the intent of that institution expressed in an agreeof a measure, since those concepts we

On the basis of all those consider-ations the Court was obliged to con-clude that, by reason of the particularly serious and manifest defects which exhibited, the Commission "measure published in the OJ entitled "Commission Decision 89/190/EEC of Decem-ber 21, 1988 relating to a proceeding pursuant to article 85 of the EEC Treaty (IV/31.865, PVC)", and notified to the applicants during February 1989, was non-existent.

Actions against a non-existent measure had to be dismissed on the ground of inadmissibility, it was unnecessary for the Court to examine the plea of inadmissibility raised against the ap-plication of Shell International Chemical Company Ltd on the ground that it was out of time, since non-existent measures could be challenged without regard to time-limits and since the nonexistence of the measure was a matter of public interest which the Community judges had to raise of their own

On those grounds the Court of First Instance (Second Chamber): Declared that the measure notified to the applicants, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities L74 of March 17, 1989 (p1) and entitled "Commission Decision 89/190/EEC of December 21, 1988 relating to a proceeding pursuant to article 85 of the EEC Treaty (IV/31.865, PVC)", was non-existent. Dismissed the applications as

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The joke is on Poland



The Polish Spitting Image: Lech Walesa portrayed as the lion, his spokesman as the raccoon, and the scriptwriter of television's Polski Zoo, Marcin Wolski

doughty, naturally funny woman, is one of the pioneers of political cabaret in Eastern Europe. She still remembers when her cabaret revue was dropped from Polish television after a junior Soviet diplomat complained about an offensive reference to Russians.

That was in 1978. Lipinska returned to television after things changed. But suddenly, last January, she was stripped of her director's title, and her cabaret was again put in jeopardy. The reason appears to have been some mocking references to the dergy. The Polish government, dominated by the right-wing Christian National Union Party, is close to the Church - and the Church is sensitive to

These are strange times for political satirists and cabaret artists in Poland. The old enemy the communist censor — has to take cultural risks. Slaw-surrendered, and somehow life is omir Mrozek's play. evening) for jokes about the Soviet establishment, wanted to recant Union, the Communist Party, its First Secretary and other thin-

skinned political clients. optimistic punchlines. For the ers, the threat to freedom and most part, though, performers nasty generals. relied on nudges and winks, on grimaces and hand movements, not mentioned in the script that changed. For one thing, there is no had been submitted to the censor's obvious enemy. Every Saturday, to office. Everybody was tense - the a huge audience. Polish television

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Roger Boyes finds that the political jesters of Poland are now directing their irreverent barbs against the Church, the

Red Riding Hood into a song (the red hood was communist control) and the censor was carpeted the following day by the Central

Committee It was a different story for the small basement cabarets such as "Pod Egida" and Cracow's "Piwnica Pod Baranami". They had far more freedom,

and indeed seem to have been regarded as a safety valve by the authorities. Let students and intellectuals laugh off their anti-communism in private - that seemed to be the motto. The Polish communists, more than the Czechoslovaks and East Germans, were willing

not so much fun any more. Under Policija (The Police), appeared in communism every performance the 1950s and was an ironic study for a large audience, in a concert of a political prisoner, the only one hall or on television, was carefully remaining in an unnamed monitored (dress rehearsal, first authoritarian country, who, much night and at least one other to the dismay of the whole police

> Even under martial law in the 1980s at least one Mrozek play was performed and there were several pieces with heavy historical given more comments about Russian occupi-

Now, in the post-communist era, the political categories have performer, the censor — and the result was frequently hilarious.

Wojciech Miynarski managed to smuggle a reference to Little to smuggle a reference to Little

President and the ministers of the Solidarity government different animals. Walesa is a lion with broken grammar, ex-Premier Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who believes in grad-

ual reform, is a tortoise. But the

programme is so harmless that politicians actually lobby to get on When Cardinal Glemp has been featured on Polski Zoo there has been loud moaning

from the Christian National Union' the show suggesting puppers for themselves. Mrs Walesa has taken

exception to being depicted as a

mouse but the various cobras,

butterflies, chipmunks and hippos have stoically accepted their fate.
The fact is that Polski Zoo and other cabaret artists have been reluctant to stick the knife into the new Solidarity governments. It was the Solidarity era of 1980-81 that truly freed the cabaret spirit. The brilliant mimic Jacek Fedorowicz had kept alive an amusing radio programme in the 1970s, but the 16 months of Solidarity transformed him into a national figure. He repesented the carnival element of the Solidarity revolution. Not surprisingly, performers like Federowicz and Jan Pietrzak pull their punches against the new Solidarity

The real divisions in the political class are not between communist and anti-communist, but between

those who can take a joke and those who cannot. President Walesa, it seems, does not mind being lampooned. Indeed Ryszard Marek Gronski, who regularly writes cabaret pieces, musicals and satirical articles, knows that the president times his rally speeches like a cabaret performer: "It must be all the videos of Pietrzak that he

watched during the 1980s. He has the same pacing, the same sense of a punchline." The president has been trying to find a Warsaw basement for Pietrzak's

cabaret, so far without success.

The President's courtiers, however, are not particularly amused when their boss is mocked. Krzysztof Dauksewicz regards these courtiers in much the same way as he thought of the communist censors: "Out of 15 minutes of programming, eight minutes were questioned - so it did not go out on air," he says of a recently dropped television satire that he had devised. "I think that what was questioned was the form of the humour - with no sentiment for the new authorities or soft soap for the president. That was why the new comrades reacted as they did." He personally blames the President's closest aide, Mieczyslaw Wachowski.

the influence of the Roman Catho- the better."

lic Church. On the rare occasions when the Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, has been featured on the Polski Zoo puppet-cabaret there has been loud moaning from the Christian National Union and other parties even further to the right. Szpilki, the Polish equiva-lent of Private Eye, thinks nothing

of bashing the president's advisers but hesitates before launching into the Church. Only Nie (which means "No"), the scurrilous weekly of former Communist government spokes-man Jerzy Urban, publishes regular accounts of corruption in the Church (most of them leaning heavily on gossip rather than research) and cartoons of priests in sexually compromising positions. With this anti-clerical fare, be has built up a circulation of over 400,000, a readership of two

Urban's strength was that he had no reputation to lose and so did not mind offending the church hierarchy or Catholic read-

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sonal fortune.

The difficulty is for more subtle satirists. Since the Church has political power, it is a legitimate target. But the Church also sheltered artists under martial law. spoke up for human rights, nur-

How to be funny about the bishops without looking like a communist degenerate? That is the dilemma that most television chiefs, theatre directors and magazine editors would like to dodge.

Olga Lipinska, though, is sure that if the post-communist societies start to protect certain groups from criticism, the authoritarian rot will set in. "There should be no protection, no false values, no holy The most sensitive area of all is cows. The earlier we detect folly

THEATRE

Double trouble for queen of Palestine

Gleeful Gluck Iphigénie en Tauride La Scala, Milan

IPHIGENIE en Tauride is Gluck's richest masterpiece, and the ripest fruit of his reforming quest for bella semplicita, but it is not often performed. Opera houses are afraid of it, and with good reason. since it makes formidable de-

mands on the interpreters.

Singers must find fitting poetic inflections for long lines whose music is nuthlessly indifferent to vocal mechanics; conductors are confronted with orchestration so plain as to appear impoverished, and directors have the task of interesting a modern audience in a mythological plot without a flicker of erotic interest. To cap it all, if the difficulties are not convincingly resolved the greatness of the work itself seems to evaporate into thin air.

La Scala's new production, however, leaves no doubts about Iphigenie's stature. Carol Vaness, her voice bathed in hot tears, vividly charts the course of the heroine's misery through to final joy, and is blessed with the indispensable gift of communicating strong emotion through minimal gesture. If the words of the arias are occasionally swallowed up in the stream of glorious sound, her phrasing is still unfailingly, attuned to the dramatic moment.

Thomas Allen is a model Gluck singer in every way, fusing music and text into an unforgettable whole by doing full justice to both. His ability to invest even Oreste's one-line utterances with a wealth of poetic significance is

extraordinary.
Riccardo Muti conjures string textures from the orchestra that are wonderfully alive, constantly responsive to the stage and suf-



Carol Vaness as Iphigénie

fused with shifting nuance. The sense of impending eruption in 'Le calme rentre dans mon coeur" is almost unbearable.

Only the choruses for the Scythians and the Eumenides fail to make an impact, in both cases lacking the special impetus that should differentiate them from the rest of the score. The director Giancario Cobelli

strives for an archetypal simplicity that he only fitfully achieves. A typical juxtaposition is the arresting appearance of the shipwrecked prisoners as enormous rope bound silhouettes looming over the horizon — and over the threshold of Iphigénie's consciousness - followed by distractingly fussy business for their captors. Paolo Tommasi's sets frame the

action with oppressive masses of rock, and the unnatural white lighting that pierces the gloom makes us feel that we are exploring the world of the heroine's dreams; but Cobelli tends to take his symbols rather too literally, and when I phigenie is crushed by grief the temple ceiling bears down to crush her as well.

cine's tragedies still played. It isn't even a tragedy, but what beauties of detail, what ineffable charm reigns nearly everywhere in Bérénice, the Queen of Pales-tine, is sent back to her people by

her lover, the Emperor Titus, who decides that his duty as sovereign comes before his love, unpopular in Rome. Racine takes this rather special situation and shines light on the relationship as on a pre-cious gem. The sharp focus and economy of this play make Bérénice a character to reckon with.

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A new museum exhibition at the Granges de Port-Royal at Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines is also dedicated to her, with a well-produced catalogue from the Reunion des Musées Nationaux. Racine's Bérénice is compelling in French for the French, it seems.

Continuing efforts to translate this and other Racine plays only prove how specific this poet's value is to his own culture and the general brilliance of French 17thcentury literature, perhaps never bettered in this country's history. The latest literary tribute to the fabled era of Bérénice is an historical novel about Racine, The House of Esther (Grasset, 285pp. 108FF) by Yves Dangerfield, a gifted young writer who died of

Aids a few months ago aged 30. Hence a new production of Berenice raises high expectations. At the Theatre de l'Athenée two actors play each main role, alternating lines on stage or speaking together. Why? Because the director. Christian Rist, says that their NIGEL JAMIESON | characters "have nothing individThéâtre de l'Athenée-Louis Jouvet

Bérénice

ual about them". Perhaps that is why Rist chose to have the lines accompanied by offstage gongs, knocks, wails, hurns, and highpitched dog whistles. Clearly someone has taken a college course in world theatre, to the point of confusing Racine's work with a visit to the Natural History At least the omnipresent alarm

watch-beepers in the audience for once fit in with the acoustic mess, instead of distracting from the action. But the young and not untalented cast of Berenice were no match for such distractions. nor could they compellingly convey Racine's message when ordered to gabble their lines in duos. All the actors were barefoot. in grey or white karate pyjamas. arid the set was a desolate beach out of a post-nuclear fantasia by Samuel Beckett.

nder such conditions, sympathy goes out to the actors, one of whom cracked his bare toe loudly against a hard part of the set. Another apparently had to be reminded of his lines by the actor sharing his role - but even if this was intentional, the cold, remote style of this production deprived it of any real emotional interest.

The cast resembled nothing more than the pretty youngsters in a listless film by Eric Rohmer, dithering on aimlessiy. The edgy jumping and switching of focus between actors was like a film

maker who cuts the camera every second, not trusting his story or players to hold the attention of the public. When the two young men playing the Emperor Titus, Bru-no-Karl Boes and Arnaud Decarsin, both promising talents, were obliged to embrace each other, the effect was odder than Narcissus kissing himself in a mirrored pool. As Bérénice, Katia Caballero and Fejria Deliba moved well bur were unable to solve the aural problems of the production either.

By contrast, the audience itself was allowed no freedom of movement in a five act play with no pause whatsoever. After two hours one ancient dame in the audience could manage no longer, and her exit and return from the lavabos drew as much attention as the onstage action.

The evening's best performance was given by Denis Podalydes in the small role of Arsace. Apart from a sincerity and naturalness in verse-speaking, Podalydes had the enviable advantage of having his role all to himself. Racine's symmetry, his habit of giving each main character a confident with whom to speak, is an essential part of this writer's genius. Doubling roles must warm the

cockles of the French Actors' Union, who may now dream of Rist staging a Shakespeare or Brecht play that will cure the chronic problem of thespian unemployment. But Racine, Bêrênice and the dusty jewel-box of the Athenee Theatre, in a hard-to-find alley of the 9th arrondissement, all deserve better than this.

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